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New trash bills prompt confused calls

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

The first trash bills from Waste Management to Granite City residents, issued this week, have resulted in confusion.

City Hall was inundated with hundreds of telephone calls Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from residents inquiring about their bill. Mayor Ron Selph and several city aldermen said they received telephone calls at home as well.

The confusion stems from the fact that the city turned over garbage billing to Waste Management as of Sept. 1. In the past, the city billed residents \$6 per month for garbage service. The city paid Waste Management \$7.71 per month per house, making up the \$1.71 per household difference from other revenue sources.

But a new contract with Waste Management that went into effect Sept. 1 calls for Waste Management to bill residents directly for service.

Under the terms of the new contract, residents pay Waste Management \$7.34 per month for trash hauling and recycling services. While the bill reflects a \$1.34 per month cost increase to residents, the fee is actually lower than that Waste Management charged the city for garbage hauling service only — not including recycling.

Adding the natural confusion that results from any change in services is the fact that the city has not yet mailed bills for residential gar-

bage service for the six and a half-month period between Feb. 15 and Aug. 31. Residents can expect to receive that \$39 bill from the city sometime soon.

Dan Hannah, municipal contracts manager for Waste Management, said that some confusion was expected from the change in billing systems.

"We apologize for any confusion this may have caused. But I think the people of Granite City will be pleased (See BILLS, Page 10A)

Madison schedules annexation hearing

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A proposal to annex East Madison by the city of Madison led to heated arguments at Tuesday's council meeting.

Mayor John Belloc called the idea "ridiculous," said the area would be a liability to the city and said the proposal was politically motivated, and Alderman Norris Horton called the area a "blighted." Supporter Alderman John Hamm said it would give residents a clean environment, and Alderman Ron Grzywacz said it would not create a burden on city residents.

The council voted 6-2 to have City Attorney Casper Nighohossian draw up an ordinance to annex the area — located southeast of Harris and

McCambridge avenues. Several hundred people live in the unincorporated area, which is completely surrounded by the city of Madison.

A public hearing on the proposal will be held at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24 at the Venice Township Hall, where the city has been holding its city council meetings. The council may take action on the ordinance at the regular council meeting following the public hearing that night.

The arguments began when Alderman Alexis Lux motioned to have Nighohossian prepare the annexation ordinance.

Belloc said he was vehemently against the proposal, and said the city's taxpayers should "file suit against any alderman or alderwoman who



(Staff photos by JOHN FRES)

Moving day nearing for Madison City Hall

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

The Madison City Clerk's office will be closed from Friday, Sept. 27 to Monday, Oct. 1 to allow the move to the new city hall at 615 Madison Ave.

At Tuesday's meeting the council instructed City Attorney Casper Nighohossian to draw up ordinances to close city hall and to switch meetings and other official functions to the new building.

City officials said they were looking forward to having the new offices, but not to moving.

"I thought moving your own home was bad," Comptroller Jeanne Weidner said.

The council will hold its first

meeting in the new offices on Tuesday, Oct. 8.

In a related matter the council approved accepting a sale price of \$25,000 for a house adjacent to the new city hall. The property may be used as a parking lot for the new city hall.

The council also approved having Nighohossian draw up an ordinance changing parking on the west side of Madison Avenue between Sixth and Seventh streets to 30 minutes from one hour.

The council also approved holding a contest to design a city flag, with a \$500 savings bond as the prize.

Alderman John Hamm said (See MOVING, Page 10A)



Racing — Above, the Drag'n' Wagon, a Hemi-powered Plymouth station wagon, gets the jump on a Plymouth two-door dubbed Glory Daze in a Max Wedge Shootout heat Saturday at Gateway International Raceway. Cars competing in the shootout were Mopar-manufactured full-body cars made from 1960 through 1967. At left, Gloria Woldanski of Eagle, Wis., holds her dog Shorty, who she said was strictly a Mopar dog, while watching drag racers ready their cars for the starting line near the pit area at the Monster Mopar Weekend XI. Monster Mopar Weekend was the first event at the new quarter-mile drag strip. See Page 5A for a story and more photos.

Railroaded: Delays, inconvenience make residents cross

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Although state law prohibits railroad companies from blocking crossings for more than 10 minutes, trains tie up railroad crossings for 20 minutes or a half hour in Granite City on a daily

basis.

They have been known on occasion to block railroad crossings for up to two hours or more, and the bumpy ride that drivers and passengers get when they finally do cross railroad tracks can sometimes shake loose a hubcap or even a tooth.

Railroad companies say they regret the inconvenience — and potential danger — caused by blocked crossings, but that such incidents are unavoidable.

Because of the industrial nature of Granite City, problems with railroad crossings occur daily. They have become a way of life in this city sur-

rounded by railroad tracks.

It is unfortunate that railroads interact with the general public at one place (crossings), said George Camill, vice president of public affairs for the Norfolk and Southern Railroad Co. "And only two things can happen and

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John Fuller, Chief Meteorologist, KSDK NewsChannel 5

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Top Teen

Sarah Signall is this week's Press-Record Top Teen.

Signall, a senior at Granite City High School, is on the yearbook staff, softball team and Win With Wellness team.

She is secretary of the Social Studies Club and is also a member of the Red Peppers, Environmental Club and Science Club. She is a student council alternate.

Outside of school, she is president of her church youth group and works for Jerry's Cafeteria and Catering.

She intends to attend Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville and then the Chicago Art Institute and pursue a career in commercial, or graphic art.



Sarah Signall

City, schools spar over garbage costs

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Garbage is being hauled away from Granite City schools, but it is unclear who will end up paying for the service.

While the city picked up the tab for school trash hauling in the past, city officials say the city is no longer obligated to pay for garbage services for schools.

School officials disagree. The school district has no contracted waste hauler to pick up the mountains of

paper, cafeteria waste and other trash that accumulates each day. Waste Management is currently providing the service and the school district has agreed to pay for it — for now.

For years, the company that picked up residential trash in Granite City also hauled garbage away from city schools. The city picked up the tab for the service under the terms of an intergovernmental agreement between the city and school district.

But now that the city is out of the trash business, the

(See COSI, Page 9A)



Jake Kalert of Granite City shows his casting skills during competition in the Senior Olympics held at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville last week.

More than 400 seniors compete in this year's Olympic games

Gerald Naugle of Godfrey and Henry Wiseman of Roxana have been "friends for a lifetime." Now they're friendly competitors and medal winners in the 1996 Regional Senior Olympics.

Naugle and Wiseman are among more than 400 senior Olympians who competed in this year's games, held last week at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. The games were featured at venues throughout the Metro East.

The event, in its 18th year of promoting health and fitness among senior citizens, is open

to anyone 50 years old or older and is a warm-up for the state competition in Springfield. However, the results of these games have no bearing on eligibility for the state event.

Paula Kanyo, coordinator of community programs and public services for SIUE, said the number of competitors was slightly more than last year.

The athletes were divided into nine age brackets. The oldest competitor, at 94, competed Sunday in shuffleboard.

Naugle, 82, was a physical education teacher in the Alton School District for more than 20 years and is participating in his 15th Senior Olympics. He has won gold medals "most every year," he said. This time he convinced Wiseman, 76, to enter the games with him.

"I thought it would be a good way to stay healthy and

active," said Wiseman, who works as a packer for Trans Supply Inc. in East St. Louis.

Wiseman said Naugle, who coached his basketball team 60 years ago, is his instructor once again.

The two men trained together in Naugle's back yard. Those training sessions paid off Thursday. Naugle won a gold medal in his age bracket for free-throw shooting and a silver for golf putting. Wiseman won gold in both events.

Of the games, Naugle said, "I know that it gives us an opportunity to keep active in our later life, which is good for our health, both mentally and physically."

Although Wiseman has been victorious in two events, he said the games aren't over yet. "We're looking for more gold medals," he said.

— From The Telegraph

Trip features two St. Louis attractions

The Granite City Park District will sponsor a one-day trip to two special attractions in St. Louis on Wednesday, Oct. 9.

The first stop of the day will be at the Missouri Historical Society on the Lindell Boulevard side of Forest Park, where the 1904 World's Fair exhibit is being presented.

A guided tour of the area is planned, featuring 15 people involved in the fair, their perspectives and a magnificent collection of memorabilia donated or loaned to the exhibit.

Lunch is planned at a local cafeteria before going to the St. Louis Zoo.

The cost of the trip is \$18 per person, which does not include lunch.

Trip tickets will go on sale at 8 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17, at the Wilson Park Ice Rink. Park district residents will have priority and non-residents will be placed on a waiting list and notified one week later.

Call the Wilson Park office or Sue Champion at her home for more information.

Transit Board approves fencing

By Scott Cousins

A request by the Edwardsville Historic Preservation Commission for the iron fencing around what will be the new Edwardsville Transfer Center was approved by the Madison County Transit District board last week.

The board also approved extending the lease for the Cassens & Sons auto dealership now occupying the site.

The fencing — part of what used to be the old Madison County jail — will have to be moved when the transit district starts construction on the new transfer center.

The center will be at what is now the Cassens & Sons car dealership at 121 Hillsboro Street. Last April the district purchased the property for \$250,000 and gave the owners an 18-month lease.

The auto dealership is relocating to Glen Carbon, but won't be off the property until some time in early October.

Bill Beatty, Transit District attorney, recommended negotiating a day-to-day lease to allow the company time to move out.

At Thursday's meeting Transit District Manager Jerry Kane showed a preliminary design that included 10 bus bays.

The new facility will be similar to the Granite City Transfer Center and is expected to be completed by late December 1997 or early 1998, Kane said.

Before construction begins, there will have to be considerable site preparation.

"Any time you demolish a building today you have an environmental review, which of course we have done," Kane said. "One building is full of asbestos, another has lead paint. Those buildings need to be demolished."

"In addition, due to the elevation difference, the new building will require a lot of fill," he said.

Kane said he hopes work will begin later this fall.

The cost of the center is estimated at about \$2 million. Kane said the district has \$1.6 million in federal grants, with the remainder to be paid by the district.

News in review

News in review provides a summary of some of the past week's stories. This column is designed for out-of-town readers who do not receive the Sunday and Wednesday Press-Record/Journals.

DNA links man to rape

The prosecution of a South Roxana man on charges of aggravated criminal sexual assault and kidnapping in the rape of a local woman in Madison may be delayed so authorities in Macon County, Illinois can prosecute him for a similar incident that occurred in 1991.

Mark A. McGuire, 36, of South Roxana, was charged last October with the rape and kidnapping of a Granite City woman in Madison.

Through DNA matching in the state's data base, he was recently charged with two counts of aggravated sexual assault in the 1991 rapes of two teenage girls in the Decatur, Illinois area.

McGuire is in custody at the Madison County jail on \$250,000 bond. In addition, bond for the Macon County crimes has been set at \$500,000.

Madison County State's Attorney Bill Haine said he was very pleased at how the system worked.

Madison Police Chief Steve Skoklo said blood and other samples taken from McGuire were sent to the Illinois State Police lab in Fairview Heights, and the DNA was matched to the unsolved cases in Macon County.

In 1980 McGuire was convicted in a Madison County rape case, and was sentenced to 15 years. He was on parole at the time of the alleged 1991 rapes.

In the 1991 case, McGuire is accused of ramming the victims' car, forcing it off the road and then raping the girls.

In the 1995 case, McGuire allegedly pulled a gun on the victim after she got in his van in downtown Granite City.

Sipes to resign school board

Madison School Board member Dannie Sipes Sr. said he plans to announce his resignation from the board at the Sept. 19 meeting.

School Board President John Hamm said he planned to appoint Farris Smith, who ran unsuccessfully for a two-year school board term in the last election, to fill Sipes' remaining term.

Sipes, a lieutenant with the Madison County Sheriff's Department, said he is moving out of the district to the Pontoon Beach area.

"I've lived in Madison all my life — 43 years," he said Monday. "But I got a better deal on a house, and it's time to move closer to work."

Sipes was appointed to the school board in 1994, and won re-election to a two-year term last spring.

He also spent about 13 years on the Madison Fire Department.

Raceway revs economy

Madison city officials said Saturday that the remodeled Gateway International Raceway will be the start of an economic boom for the city.

"This is going to be the greatest thing that ever happened to us," said Mayor John Belloff. "The sky's the limit. This is just the beginning."

Belloff and Alderman John Hamm participated in opening ceremonies for the new 4,000-foot drag strip.

The first event at the new strip was the Missouri/Illinois Dodge Dealers Monster Mopar Weekend XI.

Racers competed for \$15,000 in prize money. The event also included a custom car show showcasing classic Dodge, Plymouth and Chrysler Corp. cars from as far away as Florida, Texas and Colorado; a swap meet and a manufacturer's midway. In all, about 1,000 cars participated.

Gateway officials had expected about 8,000 people to attend.

During the short ceremony, Belloff was the passenger in a \$55,000 Dodge Viper that went down the 1/4 mile strip.

Hamm drove a new Dodge pickup down the strip.

Companies seek job applicants

Representatives of Hyatt Hotels and Resorts and A.G. Edwards, Inc., will be conducting interviews Sept. 25, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Belleville Area College's Granite City Campus, 4950 Maryville Road.

Anyone signing up for an interview must be registered with the BAC Career Placement Center and be a previous or current BAC student. Reservations and resumes are required.

Hyatt Hotels and Resorts is looking for hire full- and part-time personnel in 20 different areas, including: food service, management, security, mechanical, clerical and front desk operations. Positions are available for all skill and education levels. Full-time positions include benefits.

A.G. Edwards is interviewing for several clerical, CRT, accounting, secretarial and bookkeeping positions. Full-time positions include a generous benefits package.

To make a reservation, or for more information, contact the Granite City Campus Career Placement Center at 931-0600, extensions 634 or 635.

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Man faces charges in home invasion

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

An East St. Louis man was charged Monday after allegedly breaking into a former girlfriend's home in Madison over the weekend and assaulting her.

James R. Bean, 18, of the 400 block of North 59th Street in East St. Louis, was charged with one count of home invasion Monday. He was in custody at the Madison County jail and bond was set at \$100,000.

The victim is the former girlfriend of the suspect. The couple have a two-year-old child. She told the police she broke up with him last year because he had physically abused her, and had an order of protection against him at one time.

Madison police said Bean had a record of several arrests for weapons violations in East St. Louis and St. Louis, but none have come to trial yet.

According to reports, Madison police were dispatched to Garesche Homes at about 7:30 a.m. Saturday after neighbors reported the incident.

When police arrived they were told the suspect was heading east on Market. Police spotted him, but Bean fled and was able to escape. He was later found hiding in a yard.

A baby sitter at the home said Bean drove up to the apartment at about 1 a.m. in a

1987 Lincoln Town Car — later found to be stolen — and had been throwing things at a bedroom window until she told him the victim wasn't home.

The victim returned at about 4:30 a.m., saw the car and went inside. At about 7:30 Bean allegedly started knocking and kicking at the door. The baby sitter again told her the victim wasn't home, but he allegedly broke down the door, went upstairs and started assaulting the victim.

The victim said she attempted to call police, but Bean allegedly ripped the telephone out of the wall.

Neighbors called police. In a voluntary statement made after his arrest, Bean said he became upset when the victim wouldn't give him his clothing, broke down the door and assaulted her.

As he was leaving, Bean said he took a pager.

A second man sleeping in the stolen car was taken into custody, but later released. Madison Detective Neal Mize said no charges were filed over the car because both Bean and the other man claim they didn't know it was stolen.

Bean said he was given the car by a man known as "Halfhead" in East St. Louis.



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Questions, questions — Census taker Erin Buckingham of Granite City, left, gets some answers from Emma Geraldine Jones, right, while going door to door during a special census in Pontoon Beach. Census crew leader Terry Edrington is behind them in the photo. The census is being taken because the population figures for Pontoon Beach may be off by as much as 1,000. Because the results could make a difference in revenue for the village, census officials are urging people to take the time to respond.

Two charged for drug paraphernalia

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Two Granite City men charged with possession of drug paraphernalia were among five people arrested by Madison police in separate incidents Tuesday.

Timothy B. Warren, 18, of the 600 block of Thorngate Drive, Granite City, was arrested on an outstanding warrant from Macoupin County for illegal possession of liquor by a minor, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Warren was arrested at about 12:30 a.m. in the 1700 block of Kennedy Drive. He was released after posting \$250 cash bond.

Warren was arrested after police were dispatched to the 1700 block of Kennedy Drive on reports of a suspicious person tampering with cars.

He told police he was throwing rocks at a nearby window to get the attention of a girl. Police officers checking the area found a chip of suspected crack cocaine and a crack pipe.

Bradley Bierschwal, 21, of the 5400 block of Old Alton Road, Granite City, was arrested at about 9:30 p.m. near Market and Broadway, after his vehicle was pulled over for having a defective windshield.

He was charged with driving with a suspended driver's license, operating an uninsured motor vehicle, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

While searching Bierschwal's car, police found what they believed to be marijuana, along with a pipe used to smoke the drug.

Additional charges for possession against Warren and Bierschwal are pending lab analysis.

In other police news, Peggy A. Cassidy, 27, of the 1000 block of Royal Heights Road, Belleville, was arrested on an outstanding warrant for failure to appear on charges of leaving the scene of an accident.

She was arrested on Washington Avenue between Market and Collinsville Road at about 1:05 a.m.

At about 2:05 a.m., police arrested Jerry A. Rainwater on three outstanding warrants. Rainwater was being arrested by a Madison County Sheriff's Deputy in the 600 block of McCarbidge when a Madison officer came by and took custody.

Rainwater was wanted by Madison police for failure to appear on charges of operating an uninsured motor vehicle, and had warrants from Perry County for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and improper lane usage.

At about 10:30 p.m., Faith T. Stewart, 21, of the 1500 block of Fourth Street, Madison, was arrested and charged with criminal damage to property after allegedly kicking in a neighbor's door.

Traffic stop leads to DUI charge

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A Granite City man was charged with multiple traffic offenses — including driving under the influence — after being stopped by Madison police early Monday morning.

George D. Green, 32, of the 2200 block of Edna, was charged with DUI, driving with a revoked license, operating an uninsured motor vehicle, illegal transportation of alcohol and improper headlights.

According to reports, Green was arrested after a police officer observed him driving a truck with only one headlight on Madison Avenue at about 12:10 a.m.

Green allegedly pulled in behind a Madison police officer traveling northbound on Madison Avenue.

The officer allegedly observed Green's truck moving erratically. When the officer was pulled over to let the truck pass, it almost struck a parked vehicle in the 1300 block of Madison Avenue.

The driver eventually pulled over in the 1700 block of Madison Avenue.

When the officer approached Green he noticed a "strong odor" of alcohol and found an open can of Busch beer on the floor of the car.

At the police station Green refused a Breathalyzer test. On Saturday, Madison police made another alcohol-related arrest.

Kathryn Shaleford, 20, of the 2200 block of Kirkpatrick Homes, Granite City, was charged with illegal transportation of alcohol and operating an uninsured motor vehicle after she was pulled over at about 4:30 a.m. in the 1600 block of Third Street.

Author salutes troops in war against poverty

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Jonathan Freedman came to the Metro East Monday to salute some of the front-line troops in the war against poverty.

Freedman, author of From Cradle to Grave: The Human Face of Poverty in America, spoke to about 100 teachers and support staff in the Head Start program at Family Service and Visiting Nurse Association, headquartered in Alton.

"It's people like you who make babies and children and families' lives better," Freedman said. "You make such a difference."

To research From Cradle to Grave, Freedman interviewed a host of experts in think tanks but said he got the clearest picture of poverty in America when he talked to social workers and educators such as Head Start's staff. "You're the ones I learned from, and I learned we can transform this."

A climate of negativity prevails throughout the country, Freedman said, but he has a positive message. "The kinds of programs you have here are the way to break the cycle of poverty," he said. "You can ultimately make a difference in the country itself."

"Human development — how we're conceived, gestated, born, grow and change — is the key to economic development," he said. "How people determines how our country will grow and thrive or not."

Freedman compared life to stair steps. "In American, you can't get help until you fall all the way down to the bottom," he said. "Then you're told to pull yourself up by your boot straps, but you can't many bootstraps out there."

Programs like Head Start are like a railing being built along the stairs, Freedman said.

FSVNA president Kathy Rogers, former vice president of the dedicated Head Start staffers in the audience.

"You're part of the railing and together, you make that railing very strong," she said. — From The Telegraph

Scouts seeking new recruits

Boy Scout and Girl Scout councils in the River Bend have begun their first-ever combined recruitment drive.

The River Bluffs Girl Scout Council and the Trails West and the Okaville Boy Scout Councils have teamed up with McDonald's Restaurants to inform families about the benefits of scouting.

"It's just a unified approach to presenting our programs to families," said Don Kinney, executive director of the Trails West Council.

About 35 area McDonald's stores advertise Scouting signs-ups on their marquees and dedicate space inside for posters. In addition, all children who register as a Girl or Boy Scout by Sept. 30 will receive a coupon for a free order of French fries.

With more than 80 years of working with young people, both organizations offer children an environment in which to learn and to grow.

"We teach life skills, we teach them values," Kinney said. "What parent wouldn't want their child to grow up with a respect for God and country and with compassion?"

Mary Hizer, fund development and public relations manager for area Girl Scouts, said that scouting has a lot to offer. "I learned how to plan, how to work with a team. It's all the intrinsic kinds of things ... how to play with other kids and be fair," she said. — From The Telegraph

Quilt show slated in Collinsville

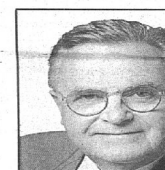
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church invites you to attend their annual Quilt Show the weekend of Oct. 4-6. More than 100 quilts, both old and new, will be on display.

Admission is \$2. Hours for the show are Friday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the school gymnasium at 1400 Beltline Road in Collinsville.

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THE LAW AND YOU

By RICK REED

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If someone is injured on your property, can you make subsequent repairs to the property without fear that this will be used against you if the case goes to trial? Many landowners in this situation are reluctant to fix or alter the property where a guest has been injured because they feel this may demonstrate that there was negligence originally. As a general rule in Illinois, evidence of subsequent repairs is not admissible to show prior negligence.

In one recent case, the police officer slipped and fell on ice that had accumulated on a porch step at a residence. He fell on his back, and was eventually terminated by the police department for medical reasons. He later filed suit against the landowner, alleging that he had permanent injuries which had resulted in substantial medical bills and lost wages.

At the time of the officer's fall, the house had one front porch step which was located directly beneath the slope of the porch roof. The porch roof had no guttering, and water dripped from the roof onto the step and froze. Had there been guttering, the water could have been diverted, and presumably the ice would not have accumulated on the step.

Two years after the accident, the landowner made repairs to the front porch step and installed gutters for the porch roof. When the case came to trial, the plaintiff attempted to introduce evidence of these subsequent repairs, including photographs of the house taken after the repairs were completed. The trial court excluded this evidence, and the jury returned a verdict in favor of the landowner. The injured police officer appealed the decision, and one issue was whether the evidence of subsequent repairs was properly excluded.

The Appellate Court affirmed the decision of the trial court and noted that evidence of subsequent repairs is inadmissible to show prior negligence. The Court emphasized that one reason for this rule was that the repair may merely be motivated by the landowner's desire to exercise the highest care and therefore not be an admission of negligence. The second reason why such evidence is inadmissible is that as a matter of public policy, "the taking of corrective measures should not be discouraged by allowing evidence thereof."

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Opinion

Carol's comments

Feeling too long at public trough

(Carol Clarkin of *Edwardsville* writes this weekly column for the *Edwardsville Journal*.)

To all those folks who've been shaking their heads in dismay over Bob Dole's age, I have one word for you: Shame!

The lad's in the flower of his youth compared to a man whose name will appear on the ballots of one state as a candidate for the U.S. Senate: J. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina.

It's hard to say exactly what Thurmond is trying to prove this election year in seeking an eighth term in the upper house.

When, at age 93, he announced his candidacy earlier this year, he was already the oldest person to ever serve in the Senate, so he may be making a book that he'll survive in office until he hits the century mark and make the Guinness record books.

Somehow, I suspect his motive is more ignoble.

I should imagine that after 40 years the thought of giving up his place at the public trough is inconceivable.

At least to Strom, that is. In kicking off his bid for re-election at the presidency of South Carolina, Thurmond said, "We cannot, and I will not, give up on our mission to right the 40-year wrongs of liberalism. The people of South Carolina know that Strom Thurmond doesn't like unfinished business."

Unfinished business, in his case, the denial of equal rights to all Americans, the focus of his efforts and attention for the past 48 years.

Not much has changed in Thurmond's mindset since 1948, when as governor of South Carolina, he led the walkout of southern delegates from the Democratic convention over the issue of civil rights and ran as candidate of the "States' Rights," or "Dixiecrat," party for the office of president.

That was the election year of the upset victory for Harry Truman over Tom Dewey, if you recall.

The "Dixiecrats" weren't the only renegade Democrats to



Carol Clarkin

desert the party's nominee, with Henry Wallace, representing the more liberal wing of the party which opposed Truman's foreign policy, as candidate of the "Progressive" Party.

Out of curiosity, I checked to see how Thurmond had fared in November '48, and learned he had won 38 electoral votes and that 1,176,125 voters had backed him at the polling place, giving him 2.4 percent of the vote. Then in '56, Thurmond won election to the U.S. Senate where he's been firmly ensconced for the past 40 years as a representative of the Good Ol' Boy segment of the party of Lincoln.

I suspect that Thurmond, as a stalwart supporter of segregation, was none too pleased, either, with the recent admission of women to the Citadel.

While I'm in Charleston for a few days next month, I will try to nose around a bit to find out if old Strom has been sneaking into the female cadets' quarters to short-sheet the beds and pour a little itching powder in their bras while the corps is assembled on the parade ground.

Although it is not that Thurmond may be facing the strongest opposition he's met in the past 20 years from 42-year-old Democrat, Elliott Close, heir to the Springs Industries textile fortune, I wouldn't bet the farm on Strom losing that election.

Old habits (and some old men) die hard.

There are times when I wonder if I haven't stayed too long at the fair, but from now on, I'll look for inspiration from that geriatric marvel, Strom Thurmond, and say to myself, "What the hell! One more ride on the carousel!"

Congo drums best heard in daylight

(This opinion piece is by Charles Geer, a resident of Granite City.)

I dig congas. Pure and simple.

I've spent a few bucks for lessons through the years. I've learned how to get the right "pop" that comes from holding the drumhead taut with the heel of the left hand while slapping the head with a slightly cupped right hand.

I take a few minutes most mornings to sit behind my CPs — sitting is the way a true conga player — and jam with whatever is playing on the FM dial.

I can't say I could replace Armando Portes, formerly of Santana, but I can say I've picked up a few compliments on my bongos-jamming.

So, I found a story in the April 22 *Newsweek* interesting. Seems the authorities in Santa Cruz, Calif., have passed a law banning drumming on city streets between 8 p.m.-10 a.m. Seems the persistent percussion was keeping senior citizens awake at night.

Mayor Mike Rotkin says he's gotten the middle finger salute from cranky conga players who claim to be "in tune with the musical pulse" — and wonder if they're on the wrong frequency.

As a conga man myself, I have no objections to hearing them during the day. (If I lived in Santa Cruz, I'd be playing them, too.) In fact, I've closed John Fornasewski's drum shop more than a few times with a

rousing jam session.

Note, please: I was inside the store at the time. I would no more play a conga outdoors late at night than I would mow my lawn, linker with my car's engine or shoot off firecrackers late at night.

It's got nothing to do with freedom of expression. It's got everything to do with simple courtesy. What is pleasant at one time of the day can be a pain in the neck or points directly south — at another.

The squeal of children at play is one of my favorite sounds during the day. It's one of my least favorite sounds at 9:45 p.m. on a school night. There's nothing better than a soft drink with a burger and fries at lunch. There's nothing worse than a soda with a burger at breakfast.

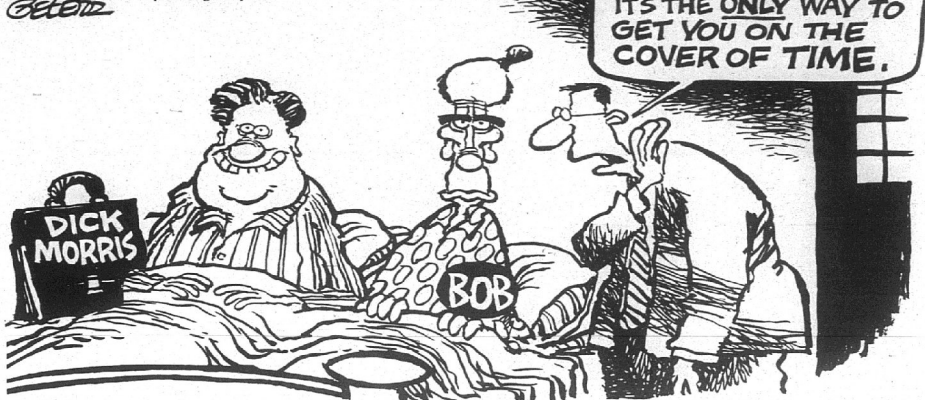
For knocking around the yard, old jeans and a sweat shirt are the wardrobe of the day. Were I to appear in this outfit to interview President Clinton, I daresay my mug shot would appear under the headline "Man arrested and charged with threatening president during the day."

In short, there is a time for every purpose under heaven, including playing conga drums. If my fellow drummers are upset because someone wants to sleep rather than samba, I wonder if they're truly in harmony with all the cosmos.

Music, it is said, is the universal language. As with any language, though, it's wise to think before speaking. Especially if drums are doing the talking.

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Letters to the editor

Steve Davis has brought us hope

TO THE EDITOR:

Rep. Steve Davis has brought new hope to a lot of people in this area. While the Republicans continue to play around with ill-conceived welfare reform packages, Steve Davis has been working to better the lives of many here in this area.

Steve Davis supports pushing the minimum wage law forward in the state of Illinois. If the Republicans think someone can support a family making around \$9,000 a year, they need to come down from their pedestals and take a look around the working poor. By supporting such an initiative, Steve is showing his sincere interest in keeping people employed, and supporting their families.

Steve also supports Buy American/Buy Illinois legislation. This bill would not only make Illinois and our district more productive, it would be a watershed for economic opportunity. Such a program would spur economic growth and bring steady jobs to our area. Also when it comes to job security, Steve has been a progressive leader. He has worked hard to create a program where employees are trained on the job or on new machinery as it comes in instead of being let go, or "downsized." These are the types of programs Illinois and our area need.

Finally, on the local level, Steve promoted the Polsky Plant — a move that a Republican opponent refused to do, covering to the Republican leadership. The plant would have brought in a large number of high-paying union jobs. Steve was out in front on the move to bring the plant to Wood River.

Thank you, Steve Davis, for your hard work and determination to make the working people in this district a priority.

RITA KNOWLES
East Alton

Stories sought along Route 66

TO THE EDITOR:

Recently I have been involved in studies related to the historical meaning of Route 66 in popular culture. The time period covered is 1928 to 1977 when the road was most often used for multi-state travel. Many of the stories, experiences, and encounters focus on the experiences of white, poor, or rural segments of the larger society.

In only a few instances have I found information about African-Americans on the highway and how they used the road, were treated on the road, and what meaning it had for individuals and their families.

I would like to receive letters from people who have personal stories or information about the experiences of African-Americans on Route 66, the early highway from Chicago to California.

This can include personal stories, family stories by relatives, or knowledge of sources

of information about this topic. It is not restricted to any particular activity or type of experience.

Vacation travel experiences, family migration, travel of musicians (especially by bus), work experiences related to helping build the road, and other activities would be quite appropriate.

The stories or information may report the positive, negative, or neutral encounters that occurred.

I am especially interested in those experiences related to Illinois (from Chicago to St. Louis). If people can help me by providing information (either written or tape recorded), I will use the information in a respectful and thoughtful manner in articles I hope to publish.

In the interest of full disclosure, please realize that this information will become part of a public document(s) in the form of articles, papers, or books.

If you do not wish to have your name associated with the information provided, please make that explicit in your response.

There is no time limit for submissions, although materials in the next month or so will be more useful.

People who want further information about either this project or the person receiving the information should feel free to inquire at the address below. Be sure to include your own return address with all material.

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KENNETH PATCHEN
Trevor, Wis.

Why the past isn't so bad

TO THE EDITOR:

President Clinton asks the question, "Do you want to build a bridge to the future, or do you want to build a bridge to the past?"

He suggests that his would be a bridge to the future and not a bridge to the past. Without thinking, it is natural to say, "Of course we want to go forward into the future," but if past performance of the future is any indication of what we can look forward to in the upcoming future, participating in it will be very uncomfortable indeed.

In the past, I remember federal income taxes being about 5 percent, now they are about 40 percent.

In the past, many people left their front doors open because they had no fear of intrusion. Now people are afraid to leave their homes, because they are trapped by bars they have found necessary to put on their doors and windows.

In the past, the most serious discipline problems in schools was talking in class. Now we frisk our children before they enter, so that they cannot bring in deadly weapons.

In the past, test scores showed our children's education compared favorably with that of children in other countries.

tries of the world. Now I hear that it is necessary to give our students taking SAT tests a 100 point handicap in order to make a favorable comparison.

In the past, the use of marijuana was so infrequent that users were often ostracized. Now many of our very young children regularly use crack. Some deal in drug traffic.

In the past, when it was necessary, we could discipline our children. Now try it and you might land in jail.

In the past, no child ever killed or was killed because of a fancy jacket or an expensive pair of shoes. And no child ever threw a baby from a roof.

I believe that Bob Dole has something, not that everything in the past was better, but it seems that almost everything, not material, was a great deal better then.

That is what Dole was getting at, and I agree with him. If you cannot see that, Mr. President, perhaps you are part of the problem.

PAUL MOHME
Collinsville

Minimum wage isn't his job

TO THE EDITOR:

All those letter writers who are criticizing Jim Mihalich over increasing the minimum wage need a civics lesson.

Minimum wage is a federal issue, and Jim Mihalich is running for state office. Jim Mihalich will never have an opportunity to vote for or against minimum wage increases because that's the job of the U.S. Congress.

Besides, minimum wage was increased anyway! Let's deal with the issues. And the real issue is jobs.

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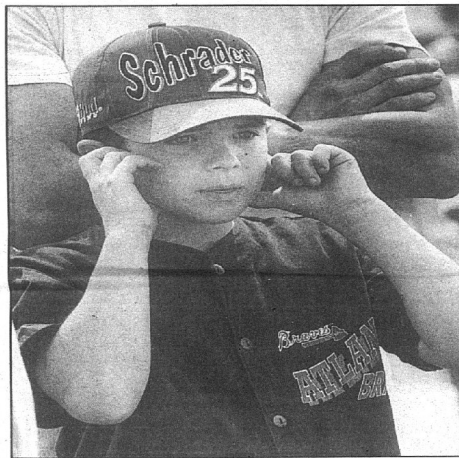
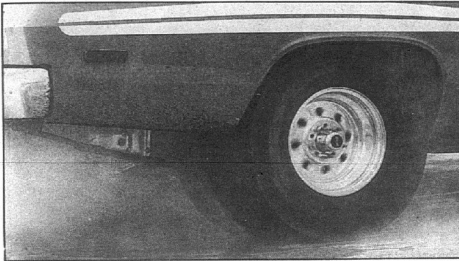
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People

Below: A Plymouth Duster lays a patch of rubber as it heats its tires while waiting its turn at the line. At right: Spectators crowd the stands at the starting line of the new Gateway drag strip to watch opening day competition at the Monster Mopar Weekend.



Monster weekend

New drag strip has first event

Keith Arterman had heard good things about the improvements at Gateway International Raceway. Last weekend Arterman, of Normal, along with more than 8,000 other car enthusiasts, came for Monster Mopar Weekend XI, the first event at the new quarter-mile drag strip.

The new strip is part of a \$25 million expansion that will also include a 1.25 mile oval track. Construction on the oval track has already started and is expected to be completed in June 1997 — three months ahead of schedule.

On Saturday and Sunday racers competed for \$13,000 in prize money, and the event included a custom car show showcasing classic Dodge, Plymouth and Chrysler Corp. cars from as far away as Florida, Texas and Colorado; a swap meet and a manufacturer's midway. In all, about 1,000 race and show cars were included.

Arterman was there to show off a 1966 Dodge Hemi Charger, and like most serious show car owners, he could tell you everything you ever wanted to know about his car.

"It's the first year the hemi engine street version was introduced," he said.

His car — he has a half interest in the car, along with the original owner, a woman from the Normal area — is one of 468 made that year, and one of only two made in the same color — mauve.

"It's unusual because most people who bought a hemi car were racers or young fellas," he said.

Because of that, they tended to choose more "masculine" colors.

"Red, black or white, something a little more masculine," he said.

Today, he said, the car blends in well.

"This car turns the women on today," he said. "It draws more women than it does men; they just love the color."

He said the only difference between the two mauve cars is the interior. His car is black, the other white.

Arterman said the car has all original equipment.

"It's never been touched," he said. "It even has the original blue strip tires, which were a standard feature."

"They are 30 years old and will still hold up to 130 (miles per hour), because, unofficially, I've seen it there," he said.

For Arterman it was his fifth year at the Gateway show. He said he hadn't had a chance to really look around, but he liked what he did see.

While Arterman was showing off his car, Les Smith of Decatur, Ind., was trying to drum up some business.

Smith was operating a stand by N.S.I. Chrysler Auto Parts at the swap meet.

He had also spent some time at the track before the renovation.

"It's looking a lot better," he said. "I've been down here before with the old track. It's time for improvement."

Dale Davis, a Dodge dealer from Ava, Mo., also said he likes the improvements.

"I came to the track about three years ago," he said. "It's a lot different."

Davis was looking at rear tail lights at the swap meet.

"I'm a Dodge dealer, so naturally I like Mopars, and I'm an old car enthusiast," he said.

Pete Wickham, director of public relations for the track, said things were going very well.

"So far, we're getting through the drag strip is getting broken in, and we're getting rubber on the road," he said Saturday.

"We're doing the things we want to do. It's an exciting time, and this is what it's about — having cars, having people, having a place to come and have fun and have weekends like this."

He said they were having "normal growing pains" and unfinished construction was much in evidence.

"You get minor crises in any situation," he said. "What I have been impressed with is the cooperation everybody has shown. Everybody is pitching in. Most of our staff was moving soda into the concession stands."

Jim Michaelian was one of those.

Michaelian is chief executive officer of the Grand Prix Association of Long Beach, Inc., the parent company of Gateway International Raceway in Madison, and had come in for the weekend.

Wickham said they had several more large events scheduled for this year, and were working on others for both the drag and oval tracks next year.

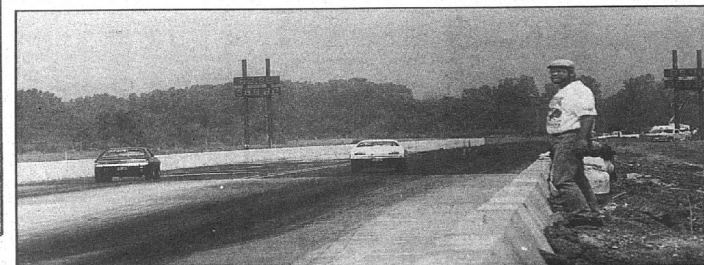
The Mopar show will be followed by the Monster Mustang Gateway Rumble on Sept. 21 and 22, and the United Black Drag Racers Association will hold its fall races at Gateway on Sept. 28 and 29. Lawnmower racing is also scheduled for Sept. 27.

"We are probably going to hear in the next 10 days when the NHRA will place us on the national schedule, which is the first piece in the puzzle," he said. "We are still in discussions with several sanctioning bodies. In the next few weeks a lot of them will be down to visit our facilities and see where we are."

In addition to races, the track is expected to be used for a law enforcement driving school, equipment testing and other automotive-related activities.



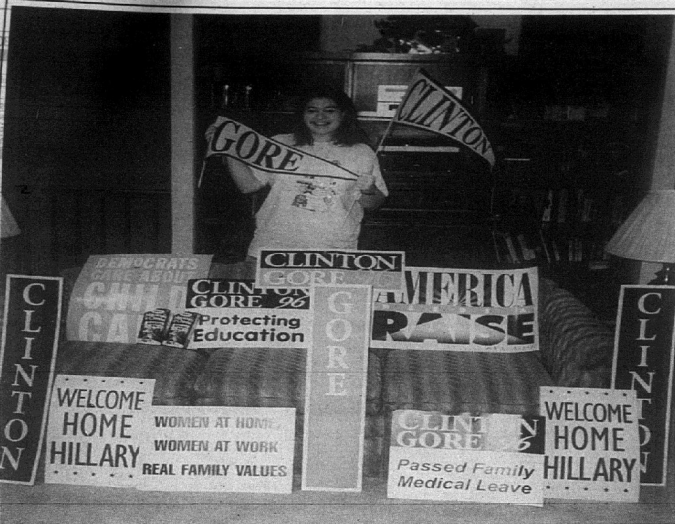
Top photo of two: Jacob Green, 11, of Cedar Hills, holds his ears to keep out the deafening roar as cars heat their tires. Above: Tim Mauldin of St. Charles and son Brad, 7, head to the concession area.



At left: A Baracuda and a Duster tear down the track towards the quarter-mile mark. Although the actual race takes place over the quarter mile, the track is more than 4,000 feet long because the faster cars require about half a mile to come to a stop. Below: A track worker cleans oil off the track before the next competitor is sent to the starting line. Below, left: A Plymouth burns rubber getting its tires up to a higher temperature for better traction.



Story by Scott Cousins
Photos by John Frese



Conventioneer — Amy Friedrich, a sophomore at the University of Missouri at Columbia, was selected as a security aide at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago. As a representative of the university, she met with most of the Missouri delegation and members of the news media. She is the daughter of Michael and Janet Friedrich of Collinsville and granddaughter of Leonard and Lucille Friedrich of Granite City and Helen Bertachio of Madison.

Off to Italy

Ryan Ashby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Ashby of Granite City, was among 35 Harding University students who left the Searcy, Ark., campus Sept. 4 for a semester at the Harding University in Florence, Italy.

The group arrived in Italy Sept. 6 for a semester of travel and education. Ashby, a junior majoring in international studies, attended Granite City High School before entering Harding. The group will return to Searcy in November.

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In brief

First Presbyterian Church of Granite City has selected Amy Boring of Granite City to receive one of its 1996 scholarships. This is a \$500 monetary award given to two students each year.

Boring is starting her sophomore year at Eastern Illinois University, majoring in art education. She has participated in the choir, co-ed softball team and the youth group at the church.

She was also the recipient of an "Excellence in Fine Arts Award" from Eastern Illinois University.

Boring will be a new member of the Eastern Illinois University women's golf team.

She is the daughter of Ronnie and Jana Boring and the granddaughter of Walter and Mary Boring.

Marguerite Fisher and Heather Guithues, both of Granite City, and Elizabeth Callender of Madison were among eight individuals who have received Madison County scholarship awards.

Fisher is a data processing major at the Granite City Campus of Belleville Area College. Guithues is in the medical field at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

Callender is a nursing major at GOC.

The awards were presented by Madison County Board Chairman Rudy Papa and board member Ray Romine during an Aug. 22 ceremony at Charlie's Restaurant.

The \$1,000 scholarships were awarded through the Community Services Block Grant program funded by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs.

Scholarships were awarded on the basis of academic achievement and financial need.

Stacy SanSoucie, daughter of Fred and Patricia SanSoucie of Granite City, has been accepted at Blackburn College in Carlinville for the fall 1996 semester.

SanSoucie graduated from Granite City High School in May.

Her intended major is undecided. She will participate in the nationally recognized student work program, which provides excellent credentials for Blackburn graduates.

Dawn Kamadulski and Sean O'Leary, both of Granite City, were among 631 students to graduate during the summer

quarter commencement exercises Aug. 16 at Otto Arena on the Mankato State University campus in Mankato, Minn.

Kamadulski received a master of fine arts degree in English. O'Leary received a master of arts degree in clinical psychology.

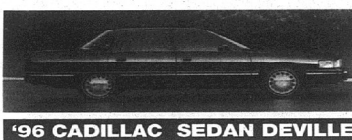
Jeffrey S. Ragan of Granite City has enrolled in the electronics engineering technology program at ITT Technical Institute in Earth City, Mo. The local campus is one of a nationwide network of 58 ITT Technical Institutes operated by Indianapolis-based ITT Educational Services Inc.

Ragan received his general educational development certificate in 1996.

Scott A. McMillan, Rebecca A. Schwab and Sarah E. Stone, all of Granite City, were among 5,104 students named to the dean's list for the spring 1996 semester at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Dean's list eligibility is limited to the top 20 percent of a student's college class or curriculum. The minimum number of hours of course work required is determined by each college or unit.

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DISN	16	"Man-	★★½ "Real Genius" (1985) Val Kilmer. 'PG' (B)	Avonlea (In Stereo) (B)	★★★ "Harry and the Hendersons" (1987) 'PG' (B)	"Abbott"
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DISN	16	Scooby-D.	*** "Caroline?" (1990) Stephanie Zimbalist. PG	Avonlea (In Stereo) [C]	***½ "Places in the Heart" (1984)	Jimmy Stewart (R) [C]
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MC	17	(8-25) "The Nutty Nut"	★ 1/2 "Jury Duty" (1995) Pauly Shore.	"Digital Man" (1995) Ken Olandt. 'R' (D)	"The Warped" (1994, Comedy) PG	"Married"
ISN	16	"Sword"	★★ 1/2 "The Land Before Time" (1988)	Lion King	Avonlea (In Stereo) (D)	★ 1/2 "Society" (1989) Billy Warlock. 'R' "NightFire"

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Obituaries

William Brandt

William E. Brandt Jr., 38, of Granite City, died at 2:09 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11, 1996 at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Born July 27, 1958 in Granite City, he was a lifelong area resident. He was employed as a bricklayer through Local 8 and a member of the International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret L. (Lovins) Brandt, whom he married April 9, 1983 in Granite City; three mothers, Marlene (Vonnorsky) Brandt of Granite City; two sisters (and brothers-in-law), Stephanie and Dan DeRouse of Granite City and Mary and Mark Zeigler of Atlanta; his maternal grandmother, Mary Vonnorsky of Granite City; and two nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, William E. Brandt Sr., who was a prominent attorney in Granite City.

Private family services will be held. Arrangements were by Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road.

Memorials to the Granite City Public Library are suggested.

James Cousins

James R. Cousins, 41, of Granite City, formerly of Sacramento, Calif., died at 8:17 p.m. Monday, Sept. 9, 1996 at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Born in Miami, Fla. Feb. 2, 1955, he was a warehouse manager for API Co. in St. Louis.

Survivors include his wife, Linda (Bailey) Cousins, whom he married June 18, 1972; a son, James R. Cousins of Granite City; three brothers, Earl Cousins, Floyd Cousins of Michigan and Jesse Davis of Sacramento; and three sisters, Patricia Barbeau and Brenda Fisher, both of Idaho, and Larinda Marlene Cousins of Sacramento.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Earl and Frieda (Montgomery) Cousins. Visitation is from 5 to 8 p.m. today at Irwin Chapel, 2801 Madison Avenue, with services at 7:30 p.m. with the Rev. Rose Hermonat officiating. The body will be cremated.

Memorials to the family are suggested.

Florence Farmer

Florence Smith (Shone) Farmer, 80, of Granite City, died Wednesday, Sept. 11, 1996 at St. Elizabeth Medical Center after a long illness.

Born Jan. 11, 1916 in Granite City, she was a housewife and lifelong area resident. She was of the Protestant faith.

Survivors include two daughters, Sandra Bassett of Granite City and Linda Harrell of South St. Louis County; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Bruce Smith, who died in 1956; her second husband, William Farmer, who died in 1981; her parents, John and Helen (Schmidt) Shone; and a brother, Jack Shone.

Visitation is 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Thomas Memorial Mortuary. Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the funeral home with the Rev. Ronnie Haskins officiating. The body will be cremated.

Memorials to the American Cancer Society are suggested.

Area moves to fortify Scott against base closings

By Martin Richter
Staff writer

Community leaders mounted a successful effort to spare Scott Air Force Base from the 1995 round of military base closings, but are already looking toward a likely second round of closings in the year 2001.

Many people didn't realize how close the blade of the Base Realignment and Closure Commission's budget cutting ax came to Scott last year.

In a press conference in June, area government and business leaders pointed out that Scott ranked lowest of the 18 bases in the heavy aircraft and missile category. No bases in that category were cut in 1995, but officials said it is likely one will be cut in the next round.

At the time, U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello bluntly said that the base was in jeopardy, and would likely be closed in the next round if the community did nothing in the meantime. He said some improvements to coordinate an effort to improve Scott's position beyond the next round of closings.

Three months later, Costello said he is proud of the efforts made to keep Scott AFB open last year, but is still concerned about the future of the base. He said some improvements are being made that will improve its chances in 2001.

"I think that the most significant accomplishment that we have had in this session of



Visitors check out a transport plane during an air show at Scott Air Force Base.

Congress, for this area, was saving Scott Air Force Base," Costello said. "That's more than 10,000 jobs and \$1.5 billion for the economy."

"But we can't just rest on the fact that we were able to save Scott," he said. "We have to work towards the future. I anticipate in the year 2001 we will have another round of BRAC."

Asked if he was optimistic about Scott's chances in 2001, St. Clair County Board Chairman John Baricevic initially

said "no," then revised his answer to "cautiously optimistic."

"I don't know that I'm worrying; it's more a realistic view of the world," Baricevic said. "The cases we're looking at are not the difference."

"It is still a very real possibility (that the base will be closed), but there are some things we can do," he said.

Costello and Baricevic noted that there are a couple things

in Scott's favor. Construction of the joint-use Mid America Airport is progressing, and the impending move of the Air National Guard 126th Refueling Wing to Scott from Chicago will add to the base's mission and result in improvements to the existing military runway.

Baricevic said the legwork toward getting the 126th moved to Scott "is about 90 percent done." He said he expects the unit to move here in 1999 or 2000.

"That doesn't ensure that

Scott stays open, but it helps," he said.

In addition, Baricevic noted that the Leadership Council has begun developing a roster of influential people who are interested in helping the base survive the next round of cuts. Since June, the Leadership Council has begun holding presentations about the situation for small groups throughout the region.

"There's a lot of planning to be done, so that when we get to the action part of things we won't be spinning our wheels," he said.

Costello agreed that the key to getting Scott through the next round of BRAC closings will be starting early and working hard.

"I feel that we are headed in the right direction," Costello said. "The reason we were successful before was that we started early and worked hard, and that's what we need to do again."

Baricevic urged people in the community to get involved in the effort to make sure AFB remains in St. Clair County, and not to take the base for granted.

"I would encourage people to keep (the upcoming BRAC process) in the back of their minds, and that they have an opportunity to do a favor for Scott, to do it," Baricevic said. "We need to make Scott a part of the community and a real neighbor, not just a federal installation that we take for granted."

Railroad

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second counts. "The tracks are blocked in North Granite time after time," Romine said.

He asked if trains can be shortened to cut the time they block tracks.

Mayor Ron Selph and Joe Juneau of Juneau Associates, the city's contractual engineer, have been working with the ICC and railroad companies for the past three years to have the condition of crossings improved. Several crossings have been repaired and more are slated for improvement prior to winter, Juneau said.

"The vibrations have made it impossible for me to sell my home," Simpson said. "When I have relatives over to visit, they jump out of their seat when they hear (the switching). The vibrations have damaged the foundation of my home," Simpson said.

"The railroads have made it impossible for me to sell my home," Simpson said.

There was one of about 30 area residents who attended a public meeting Monday night to discuss the problems associated with railroads and to express their anger to representatives of railroad companies, the Illinois Commerce Commission and the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Those attending complained about blocked crossings, bumpy crossings and other nuisances associated with railroads.

Jack Vizer said bumpy crossings and extended delays have cost residents time and money.

"I think the railroads have done an injustice to the people who live in this area," Vizer said. "It's like a bombardment when you go over the tracks. I'm tired of fixing my car."

He added that delays can cost lives.

"And there ain't no company worth more than a person's life," Vizer said.

Ron Romine, a city fireman and county board member, said that delays of emergency vehicles caused by trains mean the difference between life and death for accident or fire victims for whom every

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votes for the annexation of East Madison.

"That's going to be a liability," he said of the area. "They don't have any sidewalks, they don't have any curbs, they don't have any sewers."

Belloff said East Madison residents had a chance to obtain improvements in 1985 but didn't. He also said supporters should wait until after the spring elections before annexing the area.

Hamm said many people in the area had changed their minds about sewers and improvements.

"What you are saying is that you would deny those people a proper and clean environment," he said.

Hamm also said Belloff favored other annexations in the area.

Belloff said those annexations brought development into the city, and again said annexing East Madison would be a liability.

Gryzwacz then said the annexation would not be a liability and improvements could be paid by special taxing districts that would include only

those areas involved. Nighoghossian told the council that if the area was annexed into the city, the city would be responsible for streets, sidewalks and curbs that already existed.

The city could create a special taxing district, and could also force residents to hook into a sewer system and force those residents to pay for it.

Horton then said that the homes in that area were small, old and "very modest."

"If they had a special taxing district and quadrupled the tax rate, which they are not going to do, they couldn't even hope to pay for the services they need," he said.

Horton said the city needs to annex areas that can be developed to provide tax revenue for the city.

"That's not the case with East Madison," he said. "As it stands now it's a financial liability for the city of Madison."

He said the city could not provide services to the area because city workers — especially in the street and police department — already had too much to do.

"We have buildings here in the city proper that are crumbling and need to be torn down," he said. "When I think of annexing new ground, you

don't annex a blighted area. East Madison is blighted."

Lux objected, saying East Madison residents would be "outraged" to hear him call their homes blighted.

Horton said he was not the one to hear him call the blighted when talking about East Madison.

He responded quickly. "Look around most of Madison if you want to call it blighted," he said.

She added that if the council was concerned about blight, it should consider deannexing the Second Street area.

Belloff then asked Police Chief Steve Skoldo about policing the area.

Skoldo said he was not sure what it would take.

Gryzwacz said the city would probably have to add police officers because of development near Gateway International.

Alderman Harvey Haynes — until recently a Madison County Sheriff's Deputy, disagreed, saying Madison was only called when no deputies were available.

Alderman Eleanor Armour then told Belloff she resented him saying she should be sued for having her own ideas about

something, and said residents should sue him for allowing landlords to allow their properties to deteriorate.

Belloff said he had no control over the landlords, and had attempted to obtain information about them from the Madison County Housing Authority, but had been rebuffed by the federal government.

He then suggested that Hamm should make a motion for Nighoghossian to prepare the ordinance.

Hamm accused Belloff of "trying to make something out of this that it's not" and said the mayor was implying that residents of East Madison were inferior.

Belloff replied that "the only reason this thing is being brought up right now is there is a city election coming up and you have a lot of relatives living out there."

Hamm is an unannounced candidate for mayor in the spring election.

Belloff's comment started another round of arguments.

After a few more minutes, the council voted 6-2 in favor of preparing the ordinance, with Horton and Haynes voting no, and then voted unanimously to hold the public hearing.

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school district is apparently out of trash haulers.

"Until the matter is settled, the district is paying Waste Management for the service," school Superintendent Steve Balen said. "The question is, who is responsible."

"It's kind of up in the air right now."

The intergovernmental agreement between the city and 15 years ago when the 19th Street Overpass was being

built, calls for the city to contract with a waste hauler to carry garbage away from school district buildings "as long as the city is responsible for trash pickup, either by city employees or contract."

The city agreed to the terms in exchange for three school district-owned parcels of land needed for construction of the overpass.

At the time of the agreement, the city provided garbage pickup at no charge to residents.

Since then, the city implemented a trash hauling fee. The city's hauler continued to provide service for schools and the city continued to pay the cost.

But as of Sept. 1, the city is out of the residential garbage business. Its only participation in trash hauling was to seek bids from haulers for residential collection.

Residents are now responsible to pay their bills directly to Waste Management, the low bidder for the service.

"The city's position is, per



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with the continued service we provide and, hopefully, we can clear up the confusion," he said.

Recycling services are provided once each week on the same day and in the same location as garbage pickup. In other words, if trash pickup is in the alley on Tuesdays, then recyclables will be collected from the blue or green bins in the alley that day. If garbage pickup is at the curb, then recyclables will be collected at the curb on trash day.

Waste Management distributed fliers detailing recyclables when they distributed bins, but several of the fliers apparently blew away before residents had a chance to read them.

Waste Management accepts newspapers, plastic soda and milk bottles, aluminum and tin cans, and clear glass and brown glass for recycling.

Waste Management also offers a senior discount of 25 cents per month for residents age 62 or older. To qualify for the program, residents must call 428-0148.

While the \$22.02 bill covers trash and recycling services once each week for three months, Waste Management will also pick up yard waste at an additional charge. The company offers a subscription program — stickers cost \$1.25 (\$1 for seniors) and should be placed on the paper bag containing the leaves and grass clippings.

But, at least for now, city residents can drop off leaves and grass clippings — at no charge — at a temporary yard waste site owned by the city, located off of 25th Street between Center Street and the Norfolk and Western railroad tracks.

Crisis center gets state funds

A controversial rape crisis center in Madison County is apparently set to cash in on more state funding, despite a recent change in administration and a shortage of board members.

Sexual Assault Victims First, a Collinsville-based agency that was placed on probation in June for nepotism and high staff turnover, will not be penalized for replacing its advocacy coordinator for the fourth time in two years, officials said.

"It's not a concern," said Polly Poskin, executive director of Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault, which finances several agencies throughout the state. "It's only a concern if it affects the clients, and this shouldn't affect the clients."

Sexual Assault Victims First, which serves sexual assault victims across Madison County, received only a quarter of its annual state funding in June after it was placed on probation for three months.

The probation was established after the firings of former executive director Susan Sticha of Alton, advocacy coordinator Maggie Corbin of Glen Carbon and longtime volunteer Frankie Graham of Troy.

The state coalition agreed to fund the Collinsville agency only through September with \$27,506. The coalition awarded the agency a \$100,000 grant last year.

Poskin said the coalition will visit Sexual Assault Victims First before the end of September to ensure the agency has complied with the recommendations set forth by the coalition's executive committee.

"We'll have to conduct a site visit, and we'll be looking at staffing then," she said.

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"We apologize for any confusion this may have caused. But I think the people of Granite City will be pleased with the continued service we provide and, hopefully, we can clear up the confusion."

— Dan Hannah
Waste Management

City Street Superintendent Jerry Lakin has proposed that the yard waste drop-off site become a permanent facility. The city held a public hearing on the matter Aug. 22 and written comments on the proposal will be accepted until Sept. 20.

Quilt show set Oct. 4-6

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church invites you to attend their annual Quilt Show the weekend of Oct. 4-6.

More than 100 quilts, both old and new, will be on display.

A mini-bazaar, bake sale and plate lunch are planned as well as attendance and door prizes. Admission is \$2. Hours for the show are Friday 10-4, Saturday 10-7 and Sunday 10-3 in the school gymnasium at 1400 Beltline Road in Collinsville.

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three new flagpoles have been installed at the new city hall, and he wanted to involve the city's residents.

"We need to get the community involved," he said. "It's their city hall and their city flag."

Hamm also said about \$10,000 remains of the \$125,000 Madison County Community Development grant used to make the building comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, but that would be used up when the contractor submits his final bill.

In other business, the council approved settling a lawsuit

against Buzz York for \$1,000. The city claimed York owed about \$8,000 in overdue trash bills.

Nighohossian said the settlement would include all York's outstanding bills through the end of September.

He said one of the reasons for settling was that York had thought he had obtained abatements for most of the trash fees.

In a related matter a letter from Dillion S. Smith of Maryville, who owns property in the 1600 block of Fifth Street, was read.

Smith said he purchased the property at a foreclosure sale earlier this year and hasn't been using garbage services,

but had been billed for service and the previous owner's overdue bills.

Nighohossian said Smith

needed to bring proof of the purchase date to city hall, and needed to fill out an abatement form.



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awards that injured workers can collect.

Republican challenger Jim Mihalich portrayed worker's compensation awards as being double that of neighboring states.

Democratic incumbent Steve Davis said he supports the current worker's compensation laws, saying Illinois has some of the most progressive workers' compensation standards in the nation.

Other candidates at the forum included Troy Mayor Velda Armes, a Democratic candidate for House District 110 who is opposed by incumbent Ron Stephens, a Republican from Troy. Stephens could not attend the forum because of illness.

Republican state Sen. Frank Watson of Greenville and his

Democratic challenger, David Ahola of Edwardsville, were also participants.

SUE Chancellor Nancy Beick praised the forum's participants for avoiding the "30-second soundbite" and negative campaigning, at least at the forum.

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Art Voellinger

Lis lends expertise to Legion squad

Too often this scribe encounters persons not linked to the Southwestern Illinois area and thus not mentioned here.

I thought of such in early August when, while attending the Junior American Legion baseball Midwest Regional at Gordon Moore Park in Alton, I met former major leaguer Joe Lis of Evansville, Ind.

Lis started the Junior Legion program in Newburgh, Ind., two years ago and accompanied the team to the Alton tourney, where he caught my fancy as quickly as some of the hitters on the Newburgh Post 4 team.

No coincidence, then, that the leading hitters I watched in a rout of O'Fallon were students of Lis' hitting school in Evansville. Catcher Zach Bidwell ripped four doubles in five at-bats and third baseman Travis Lafien was a three-hit star.

While Bidwell is a junior at Harrison High, Lafien is a freshman at Castle High — added indications of why the Newburgh-Evansville area has spawned nine of the last 10 Senior Legion Indiana state champions.

Even before the Newburgh hitters erupted, Lis held my interest because he did not spout off about his career that included major-league stops in Philadelphia, Minnesota, Cleveland and Seattle. Before being called to the Phillies in 1970, he had seasons in which he hit 33 home runs at Bakersfield, Calif., in 1967, 32 at Tidewater of the Carolina League in '68 and 36 at Eugene, Ore.

Among his thoughts: "People pay too much money at camps and for instruction today. There's too much emphasis on winning. Too often someone wants to change the way a hitter hits... There's too much teaching going on without realizing that if you are teaching to a particular age group, you've got to be on their level. If you're dealing with youngsters, you've got to be able to instruct with what they understand... Hitting requires balance and it's not just the upper body that's important."

Lis estimates that he and one of his sons who helps him run his business watch a million swings per year.

"If someone hits well, you do not have to make changes," said the elder Lis.

EXTRA INNINGS: Fundamentals also were on my mind at the Pan American Baseball Games in Fairview Heights, where too much emphasis was placed on radar gun figures.

In exhibition games prior to the Pan Am contest, I followed the Cuban team and the battery of pitcher Osmani Fernandez and catcher Yalain Serrano Castro, who both defected to the United States during the tourney.

Fernandez, a 5-foot-10, 155-pound right-hander, was clocked at 89 miles per hour, but one could only wonder how much better he would have thrown with proper fundamentals. Among other things, he stepped too much toward first base instead of home plate in his delivery.

After the Games, I asked director Kevin Whitworth of St. Louis for Pan Am statistics but as yet have not received any despite being assured of such.

Actually, the only numbers of interest in the Games were 3-3 — the USA championship victory over Brazil.

OVERTIME: Even though high school basketball season is a ways off, the Illinois High School Association is beating the drum for its March Madness Class A and AA state finals at the Peoria Civic Center.

A recent note from the IHSA pointed to Peoria hosting state high school basketball throughout America March 16-17. That is of less interest to fans like Joe Heumann of Belleville, who enjoyed attending many state tournaments at Champaign but was unable to get tickets for Peoria last winter.



Jonas Janek (left) beats Vianney's Ed Pieper to the ball. The Warriors will travel to Collinsville for a 7 p.m. match today.

Warriors look to recover from upset loss to Alton

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

A questionable penalty kick helped doom Granite City on Tuesday night, as the Alton Redbirds shocked the crowd at The Gauntlet with a 2-1 win over the Warriors.

The Warriors' stumble happened right after an exciting win over Vianney last Saturday and comes just before their Southwestern Conference showdown with rival Collinsville 7 p.m. tonight at Kahok Stadium.

Compared to the other two games, the Alton match does seem trivial. That may explain what appeared to be a letdown by many of the Warriors on Tuesday night.

One thing has remained constant: the play of the GCHS captains — Kyle Briggs, Eric

Edwards and Scott Mills. But in order to win, the rest of the Warriors must join in, as they did Saturday night in a game coach Gene Baker called "good team soccer, and a great win for us."

On Tuesday, the game's bad omen occurred in the first half, when Alton was inexplicably given a penalty shot late in the half.

Cory Winfield got credit for the only GCHS goal, on a nice assist from Eric Edwards.

Granite City fell to 2-1-1 on the season, and now must prepare for the conference battle with the Kahoks.

Although the SWC title is not a top priority for the Warriors, they will still be facing one of their top opponents of the year.

Collinsville (2-2-1) is coming off an impressive win against

Belleville West on Tuesday, as the Kahoks beat the Maroons 4-0 at Belleville Area College.

The Kahoks have received most of their early-season scoring from forwards Jeff Rhymer and Bryan Adams. Rhymer, a junior, scored twice against West on Tuesday.

Freshman Chris Choate and sophomore Brad Smith have also helped the young Kahoks in the scoring column.

Collinsville's goaltending has been split this season between Mike Bettorf and Matt Theis.

Kahoks coach Ron Rowden said his team appears to be playing a solid brand of defense right now.

"That changes from game to game, though," he said. "But at least we gave West a new look that they haven't seen us play in a few years."

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GCHS golfers set for home swing

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

Traveling to the Quincy Tournament can be a stern test for any golf team, and last weekend's version was no different.

Add in the Granite City Warriors' youth and inexperience, and the Quincy course was less than hospitable.

"Our goal was for everybody to shoot less than 90," said GCHS coach Boone Chaney. "We didn't make it."

The Warriors fared better Tuesday in a dual meet with Belleville West at Grand Marais Golf Course.

Still, Granite City fell to 5-4 in dual competition with a 20-stroke loss to the Maroons. West shot a 155 on the par-36 front nine at Grand Marais, and the Warriors finished at 175.

At Quincy, the Warriors who scored were John Mills (91), Matt Foley (92), Jeff Jerden (94), Chris Carpenter (98) and Tim Goskie (99).

Before the Quincy excursion, Chaney was hoping the Warriors would learn, as well as compete. And he said he hoped that was the case.

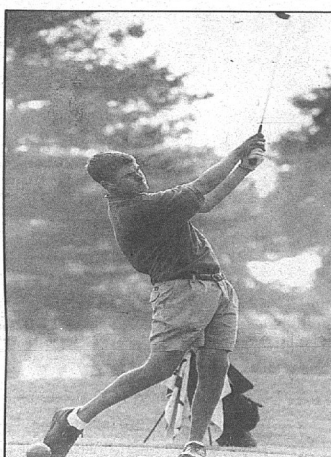
"We didn't play very well at all," he said. "But hopefully we gained some valuable experience. It's a tough course, and a lot of excellent teams on hand with a lot of good players. It's good to go up against the best."

Quincy and Pekin tied for the tournament championship. Results of their playoff were not available. Several individuals were able to break 70 at the par-72 course.

Against West on Tuesday, the Warriors shot much better, averaging 44 strokes over the nine-hole match.

Jerden, a freshman, led the Warriors with 42, followed by Mills at 44, Pat Logan at 44 and Goskie at 45.

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Tim Goskie tees off during a recent match at Arlington.

Dutchmen aim to carry success into postseason

By Scott Marlon
Staff writer

In many ways, the 1995 soccer season at Belleville Area College was one of the most satisfying for coach Larry Petri. But a first-round regional loss took some of the glow off BAC's regular-season success.

"That was the only negative side to what happened last year," said Petri, in his 15th season with the Dutchmen.

"We took a group of guys who had been around for two years and turned the program around. We got into the national rankings — as high as No. 4 at one time — and we were in the top 15 all year."

"We met all our other goals, but we didn't succeed in the playoffs. That happened to that group two years in a row."

The only three starters returning from the '95 squad are sweeper Matt Wilson (Granite City), back Brian Stalets (Chatham) and midfielder Chris Traggesser (Belleville East).

"That's a good starting point for us," Petri said. "We tried to bring in some good new kids and we have a few transfers. We hope everything will fall into place."

"We had to look at our offense because we weren't the

most prolific scoring machine last year. We only scored 25 goals, but (goalkeeper) Doug Curtner did a fantastic job in his two years here. This year we have two solid freshman keepers in Brian Stark (Edwardsville) and Dustin Floyd (Collinsville)."

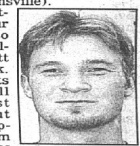
"I'm excited about our defense, so far, especially with Matt Wilson back."

Brian Stalets played all over last year, but we're dropping him back. Mike Langdon (a

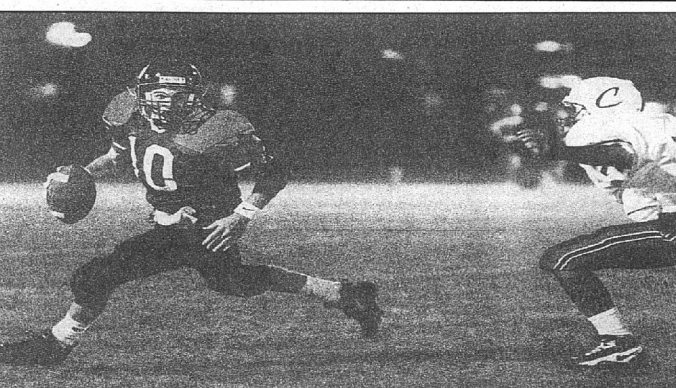
freshman from "Riad") may get physical, but he's outmanned sometimes, but we're hoping his quickness and speed will help us. As far as depth on defense, we're a little shaky."

Freshmen Tony Siegel and Chris Webb, both from Collinsville, are competing for mid-field positions, along with freshman Chris Schreier (Belleville East).

"We've got a lot of midfield players," Petri said. "We're looking at Kyle Gaitner (a sophomore from Collinsville) (See BAC, Page 3B)



Scott Marlon



GCHS quarterback Kevin Harris rolls out during the Warriors' season opener against Cahokia. Harris is expected to miss the next three weeks with a shoulder injury.

Shoulder injury shelves Harris

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

Apparently, the good Lord had something else in mind for Kevin Harris besides playing quarterback for the Warriors this year.

Harris, a senior, was all set to lead GCHS this season, but a shoulder injury he aggravated in Week One against Cahokia will keep him out of the lineup for at least three more weeks. And even when he comes back, he will probably not play quarterback.

Harris said he first hurt his shoulder in the summer while at a mission camp in Michigan. "I tried riding a motorcycle. Pretty stupid of me, I guess," Harris said. "I wrecked on it, and it threw me off of there pretty good."

However, the injury by itself would not have been serious enough to keep Harris out of the Warriors' lineup.

Doctors cleared him to play this fall, but it

didn't take long for the injury to get worse.

In just the third play of the season, Harris faked a handoff and tried to gain yardage on a running play. But he was tripped up, and fell to the ground on the shoulder. If that wasn't enough, a couple Cahokia tacklers fell on him for good measure.

He said he knew what had happened immediately.

"I went back to the huddle and told the guys I had re-injured my shoulder," he said. "The doctor told me I would have to fall on it just a certain way to aggravate it. That's exactly what I did."

"The report we got on Kevin is four weeks, and that's going to be awfully tough for him," GCHS coach Nick Petrillo said of Harris. "He'll help us somewhere this season. We may just keep Rocky (Smith) at quarterback, because he'll be playing there next year."

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Scott Laird (right) keeps pace during Saturday's Granite City Invitational.

Runners test out waters in season-opening meet

By Brian L. Jones
Correspondent

Tom Haefer has exercised the patience required to rebuild as the new head coach of the Granite City High School cross country team.

With the recent addition of sophomore Curtis Strain, Haefer now has nine boys running in his program, one short for two complete five-man varsity and junior varsity teams.

At Saturday's Granite City Invitational was the Warriors' season opener, Haefer opted to use his top "swingmen" — freshmen Kevin Atkins and sophomore Jeff Hassel — in the JV race for a

full-scoring team on that level. Atkins placed an impressive 32nd among 100 JV runners and Hassel ran a close 38th, followed by freshman team-

mate Dan Robinson in 43rd. "A lot more was learned Saturday by the younger kids than you might imagine," Haefer said. "That was their first cross country experience with the adrenaline flowing from actual competition and the challenge of having a kid running on their heels."

GCHS upperclassmen Robert Lampitt, Eddie Connolly, Dave Thompson and Scott Laird ran as individuals in the 18-team varsity boys division, which was paced by champion Salem (74 points), second-place Mount Vernon (88), third-place Collinsville (101) and fourth-place Belleville West (102).

Salem senior Chris Owen was the repeat individual champion, covering 3.0 miles in 15 minutes and 4 seconds on a hot, overcast day.

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Stats 'n stuff



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESI)

GCSC golfer John Mills hits an iron shot as teammate Ty Suhre looks on during a recent match.

Sports shorts

Drug Free Festival
The Drug Free By 2000 Festival will be held Saturday, Sept. 14 at the Granite City Ice Rink at Wilson Park. The event, which is targeted toward the youth of Granite City and surrounding areas, will have benchpress demonstrations from noon-4 p.m. The demonstration will feature several lifters training for the upcoming Benchpress Nationals to be held in St. Louis. The YMCA, powerlifting team is holding the event, and several team lifters are scheduled to be on hand. Gary Gravelle, a 180-pound lifter from Granite City, will be attempting a double-bodyweight lift of 360 pounds. Also featured will be a father-and-son duo from Florissant, Mo., Ron and Tony Serra. Together, the two are scheduled to lift over 900 pounds.

Others lined up for the festival include World Champion Pat Patterson from Madison, a 57-year-old master lifter capable of pressing 350 pounds; and GCSC soccer player and wrestler Jonas Janek, who is a serious student of weightlifting. The day-long event is open to the public.

Legacy Ladies Classic
The Legacy Golf Course will hold its annual Ladies Classic Tournament on Sept. 22. The four-player scramble will feature prizes and a buffet afterward. Tee times start at 11 a.m. The cost is \$150 per team and includes 18 holes of golf with cart, plus extras.

The deadline for registration is Sept. 18. For more information, call 931-4653.

GCSC dance
The Granite City Soccer Club's annual Beverage and Chicken Dance will be held 6:30 p.m.-midnight Sept. 21 in the Columbus Room at the KC Hall in Granite City. Music will be provided by the Street Express Band. Tickets are available from GCSC coaches and board members.

The cost of the dance is \$15 per person, or \$25 per couple. Tickets will also be available at the door. For more information, call the GCSC soccer hotline at 878-9000.

Baseball tryouts
The Bulldogs Midget I Base-

ball Club is holding tryouts for the 1997 season. Players must be born after July 1, 1984. For more information, call (314) 888-7765.

OATH Golf tourney
OATH, the Organization for Advancement of the Handicapped, will present its Seventh Annual Charity Golf Tournament on Oct. 18 at Arlington Golf Course. A \$35 donation per person includes the entry fee, cart, dinner and beverages.

Attendance prizes include a grand prize for the winning team, plus an optional skins game. Hole sponsorships are available for \$50, and greens fees will be paid at the course. Four-person scramble teams are welcome, and the tourney will set up individuals in teams as well.

For information or to register, stop by the OATH office on 7th Street in Madison, or call the office at 878-3178.

Senior golf tourney
The Legacy Golf Course in Granite City will hold its first-ever Senior Individual Championship Tournament on Friday, Sept. 20. Tee times begin at 8 a.m. The entry fee of \$30 includes greens fees and prize money. Carts are \$6 extra per person.

The tourney will offer prize money to first, second and third place in each age group; and also two closest-to-pin winners in each bracket. An optional skins game will be offered.

The format will be individual, 18-hole stroke play, with three age brackets: 50-59, 60-69 and 70-over. To reserve a tee time, call the Legacy at 931-4653 or visit the clubhouse by Sept. 18.

Youth soccer tourney
A youth soccer tournament for recreational soccer league teams will be held Oct. 1-18 at the Charles Melvin Price Support Center in Granite City. The tournament will feature teams of seven or eight players per side, and is open to girls and boys ages 5-13.

The registration deadline is Sept. 18. For more information, or to register, call Ruben Mendoza, CMPSC soccer coordinator, at 452-4521 during the afternoon, or at 452-7395 in the morning or evening hours.

Prep football

Southwestern Conference			
Team	W	L	Overall
Edwardsville	0	0	0
East St. Louis	0	0	0
Alton	0	0	0
Collinsville	0	0	0
ESL Lincoln	0	0	0
Bellevue East	0	0	0
Bellevue West	0	0	0
Granite City	0	0	0

Friday, Sept. 6			
Alton 26, Quincy 8			
Edwardsville 42, Gateway Tech 18			
Cleveland NJROTC 14, ESL Lincoln 0			
O'Fallon 26, Granite City 0			
Cahokia 49, Bellevue West 6			

Saturday, Sept. 7			
Mascoutah 27, Collinsville 13			
East St. Louis 12, Summer 6			
Hazelwood Central 38, Bellevue East 7			

Friday, Sept. 13			
Alton at Edwardsville, 7:30 p.m.			
Granite City at Collinsville, 7:30 p.m.			
Bellevue West at Bellevue East, 7:30 p.m.			

Saturday, Sept. 14			
ESL Lincoln at East St. Louis, 1:30 p.m.			

Cahokia Conference			
Team	W	L	Overall
Freeburg	1	0	2
Waterloo	1	0	2

Saturday, Sept. 7			
Freeburg 40, Brees Central 16			
Waterloo 24, Duplo 0			
Carlyle 42, Red Bud 0			
Red Bud 0			
Brees Central 16			

Friday, Sept. 13			
Freeburg at Columbia, 7:30 p.m.			
Waterloo at Sparta, 7:30 p.m.			
Dupo at Red Bud, 7:30 p.m.			
Brees Central at Carlyle, 7:30 p.m.			

Mississippi Valley Conference			
Team	W	L	Overall
Civic Memorial	1	0	1
Jerseyville	0	0	0
Triad	0	0	0
Highland	0	0	0
Mascoutah	0	0	0
Roxana	0	0	0
Wood River	0	0	0

Friday, Sept. 6			
Highland 17, Marion 7			
Civic Memorial 22, Wood River 18			
Jerseyville 3, Althoff 0			
Edgington 34, Roxana 14			

Saturday, Sept. 7			
Freeburg 27, Collinsville 13			

Friday, Sept. 13			
Jerseyville at CM, 7:30 p.m.			

Carlyle			
Team	W	L	Overall
Columbia	0	0	0
Carlyle 42, Red Bud 0			
Red Bud 0			
Brees Central 16			

Friday, Sept. 6			
Freeburg 40, Brees Central 16			
Waterloo 24, Duplo 0			
Carlyle 42, Red Bud 0			
Red Bud 0			
Brees Central 16			

Friday, Sept. 13			
Freeburg at Columbia, 7:30 p.m.			
Waterloo at Sparta, 7:30 p.m.			
Dupo at Red Bud, 7:30 p.m.			
Brees Central at Carlyle, 7:30 p.m.			

South Seven Conference			
Team	W	L	Overall
Mount Vernon	1	0	2
Cahokia	0	0	0
O'Fallon	0	0	0
Marion	0	0	0
Carbondale	0	0	0
Centralia	0	0	0

Friday, Sept. 6			
Cahokia 40, Bellevue West 6			
O'Fallon 36, Granite City 0			
Mount Vernon 24, Centralia 13			
Sikeston (Mo.) 55, Carbondale 20			
Highland 17, Marion 7			

Friday, Sept. 13			
Cahokia at Mount Vernon, 7:30 p.m.			
Highland at Centralia, 7:30 p.m.			
Marion at Carbondale, 7:30 p.m.			
SLUH at O'Fallon, 7:30 p.m.			

Independents			
Team	W	L	Overall
Althoff	0	0	0
M.E. Luth.	0	0	0

Friday, Sept. 13			
Metro East Lutheran at Palmyra Northwestern, 7 p.m.			
Althoff at Murphysboro, 7:30 p.m.			

Fishing report

LAKES
Bull Shoals: 84 degrees, clear, 4' below normal; black bass fair on natural bait; white bass fair; bluegill good on natural bait; walleye fair trolling deep running plugs; all other species slow. (Lake 3) 82 degrees, clear, 6' below normal; black bass fair on plastic worms and spoons; white bass fair on spinnerbaits and shad imitations; walleye fair on deep crankbaits; all other species slow.
Busch Memorial CA: (Lake 33) 78 degrees, 1' low, clear, largemouth bass good on spinnerbaits, channel cat good on worms, nightcrawlers and chicken livers; crappie fair on minnows. (Lake 35) 77 degrees, 3' low, clear; largemouth bass good on spinnerbaits. (Lakes 3, 4, 5, 7, and 24) Channel catfish very good on liver and stinkbaits.
Clearwater: 78 degrees, slightly dingy, 2' below normal; crappie good on minnows; all other species fair on artificial and natural bait.
Council Bluffs: 82 degrees, low, clear; crappie fair; all other species slow.
Duck Creek: 81 degrees, slightly low, clear (vegetation cover 70%); bass good; catfish fair; bluegill and crappie slow.
Hunnewell: 78 degrees, clear, 2.5' low; crappie fair on minnows; catfish fair on minnows and prepared baits; all other species slow.
Lake of the Ozarks: 83 degrees, 1.5' below normal level. (Glaze) clear; catfish and bluegill are good; crappie are fair; all other species slow. (Gravel) clear; catfish and bluegill are good; crappie fair; black bass slow to fair; white bass slow. (Niangual) clear; black bass slow; white bass good using natural bait; all fishing with pole and line or trolling spinning baits; crappie slow; catfish good to excellent drift fishing with pole and line using natural bait; sunfish good using worms and lugs. (Chase) clear; catfish and bluegill are good; crappie fair; all other species slow. (Bagnell Tailwater) 72 degrees, normal, dingy; unpleasant odor in area; all species slow.
Little State: 78 degrees, clear, full pool; catfish good on prepared baits; bass fair on live bait; all other species slow.
Long Branch: 78 degrees, normal pool, clear; all species fair.
Mark Twain: 89 degrees near surface normal, dingy, normal level; crappie good but spotty in main lake around larger fallen trees on jigs and minnows in 3-5' depths; bass good on main lake points on artificial baits; bass fair on live bait; bluegill and walleye fair.
Pomme de Terre: 82 degrees, clear, normal pool; bluegill excellent in 5' depths around docks and shorelines using worms and crickets; catfish good drifting across flats using shad; crappie fair to good at 5-15' depths around docks and shorelines using minnows and lugs; black bass fair to good off points, humps and deep drops using plastic worms, deep diving crankbaits or topwater lures; white bass fair trolling the flats using wiggle warts and Rooster Tails.
Stockton: 83 degrees, clear, slightly below normal pool; sunfish excellent near bridge pilings using worms, walleye fair drift at 15-25' depths using natural baits; catfish fair drifting at 15-25' depths using natural baits; crappie fair at 12-20' depths around stumps and bridges using minnows; all other species slow.



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESI)

Granite City junior Mason Czar heads upfield during practice.

Wanted: Stats, standings

The Journal is always on the alert for organized recreational sport results. If your league is interested in having weekly standings and results published, please send information to: Journal Sports, 1815 Delmar, Granite City, Ill. 62040 or fax to: 876-4240. For more information, call the Sports Department at 877-7700.



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•Runners

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Lampitt led the GCHS four-some with 68th place among 129 runners in 19:50, followed by Connolly (98th in 19:05), who continues to recover from a broken toe. Lampitt ran nearly two minutes faster than his opening practice time (19:46) on the course.

"Saturday was a good start for Bob, but start is the key word," Haefner said. "We're hoping that he gains strength and gets a larger base for progression. Within a month or two, we'll see if he gets out among the (area) leaders. Eddie Connolly will have an equal chance to do that when he gets back into shape."

While cross-comparing varsity and junior varsity times can be misleading, Atkins (18:46) and Hassel (18:54) ran faster than Connolly and would have been the No. 2 and 3 team runners in a varsity projection. Haefner never second-guessed his lineup decision.

"I'm not going to throw them on a course that is very taxing because physically they're not strong enough for that yet," Haefner said. "If I think they're going to be more competitive on the lower level and have a chance to win a medal, that's where I'm going to run them. In meets without JV races, they will run varsity."

The JV Warriors placed ninth as a team Saturday with 225 points, though they were third among Metro East squads behind Breese Mater Dei (fourth overall) and O'Fallon (eighth). Robinson was timed at 19:12. Freshman teammate David Elliff (23:57) and Strain (27:32) rounded out the pack.

"Chris did not join us until after school started," Haefner said. "The challenge for him just getting started was to finish the course, because he hadn't done that the first time he ran it in practice. We weren't really worried about

his time."

Haefner said varsity anchors Thompson (24:14) and Laine (26:37) are still shaking off the early-season rust.

"We're encouraged that all of our times came down from the what the kids first ran on the course (10 days ago)," he said. "This is a team that is working very, very hard. If we just had a few more students, it would be a lot more encouraging."

GCHS still had only two runners available for the girls (varsity-only) race at the invitational: junior Crystal Robinson and senior Heather Mell. Robinson ran 73rd among 101 girls, covering 2.5 miles in 19:04, and Mell was timed at 25:20.

Collinsville senior Katie Meyer was the repeat champion with a 15:07 finish. The GCHS harriers hope senior soccer standout Connie Meyers will eventually join them when she gets medical clearance for a badly sprained ankle.

•Kickers

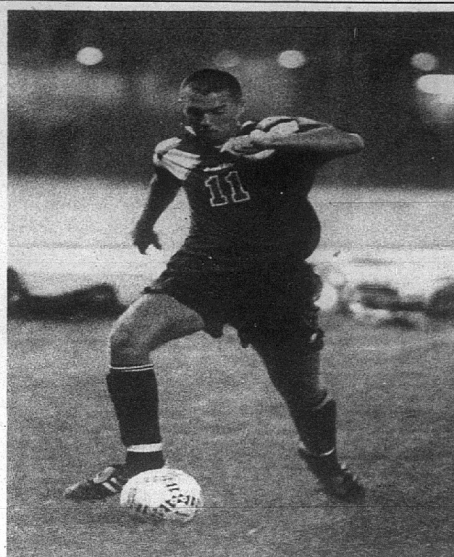
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The West-Collinsville game was not a part of the SWC schedule. The two teams will meet again in October for their league game. After their win over Granite City on Tues-

day, the Redbirds sit atop the conference standings at 1-0. While Collinsville fell 3-0 to CBC on Saturday, the Warriors defeated Vianney 1-0.

"You never know what will happen when we play Granite," Rowden said. "It could be

a clean game; just a hard, well-played game. It could turn into a game of restarts and just get ugly. Usually we have had some real nice games in the past few years, and I don't see why that would change."



(Photo by T.W. MILLER)

Andrew Oney brings the ball upfield.

•Golfers

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Kevin Flynn led the Maroons with 37.

"Jerden, our freshman, has been our most consistent golfer," Chaney said. "I don't have his exact scoring average, but I'm sure he has our low average on the team so far this year."

"As a whole, we've struggled this year away from our home course. We have trouble when we go away. When we're at Arlington, we're not too bad."

Still, that could be said about any golfer, right?

"That's pretty normal, but we shouldn't be having that

much trouble," Chaney said.

If that's the case, then the Warriors should have a chance to make some noise in the next few days. GCHS hosts Edwardsville and Althoff today before Saturday's Granite City Scramble, a popular event featuring a dozen of the area's top golf programs.

On Tuesday, the Warriors host O'Fallon and Mascoutah at Arlington.

"We're certainly staying positive, and we'll keep plugging along," Chaney said. "We'll keep working hard and try to get better each time out."

•BAC

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and a transfer from Monmouth and Sean Sutter (a freshman from Springfield).

"Chris Trageser played center-midfield last year, but he's a wing-midfield this year, which is more of a normal position for him. (Freshman) Mike Davis is kind of an unknown because he didn't play his senior year at Mascoutah, but I think he's going to be a surprise."

"Mike Theis (a sophomore from Collinsville) had a knee injury and was redshirted last year. He had offseason surgery, so we'll have to wait and see how much he'll be able to help us."

Petri is also impressed with Billy Jeremias, a freshman midfielder/forward from O'Fallon.

"He's good on long throw-ins and he can be an offensive weapon for us," Petri said. "Mike Darnell (a sophomore forward from Collinsville) is a transfer from STUC and has been a big goal scorer in the past."

"Chris Bingham (a freshman forward/midfielder from Triad) may be our best athlete and he scored a lot of goals in high school. Scott Nemeth (a sophomore forward/back from Granite City) is a slower, bulkier, muscle-type player who helped us a lot last year."

"Ray Bishop (a sophomore back/midfielder from Springfield Lanphier) should help us. Jason Rust (a sophomore midfielder from O'Fallon) played here last year. He was close to the end of the depth chart, but he's moved up."

BAC opened the season Aug. 31 with a 3-0 win over East Central. Darnell scored twice and Trageser added a goal, while Schubb, Scott Nemeth and Floyd combined for a shutout. The Dutchmen are scheduled to play host to Johnson County on Sunday and will play Wednesday at Lewis & Clark.

•Harris

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"It's too bad, because his shoulder came around real well. And it gets re-injured on the third play of the game."

Harris said he's looking forward to returning, even if it means giving up his starting quarterback role.

"I understand that," he said. "I know Rocky will be playing there next year. Maybe I'll get back in as a wide receiver. But I should be able to play the last four games. I'm definitely out for the season."

Harris said he didn't have much fun watching on the sidelines last week in Granite City's 38-0 loss to O'Fallon.

"I told the coaches and my mom and dad that that's one thing I don't want to do again," he said. "That was very hard, to just be standing there unable to do anything."

But Harris will hope to begin working out with the team — on a non-contact basis — next week.

"His dad and the doctor said if this was the pros, or college, that he'd be ready to go right now," Petrillo said. "And the amazing thing is, he played the whole rest of the game with that injury."

"I don't want to take anything away from (Smith), because he did a fine job in tough circumstances. But Kevin really was the glue that held our offense together."

Harris said he still plans on going to college at the Division I or III level, and that he's still looking forward to playing more with the Warriors and at the next level.

"Nothing's changed," said Harris, a three-year starter. "I'm getting used to (not playing), but it's tough to take. It's certainly put a damper on everything. I guess it was meant to be, though."

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Weddings

Mattern-Chomko

Vanessa Renee Chomko and Thomas Martin Mattern were married July 6, 1996, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City by the Rev. Thomas Wise.

The bride is the daughter of Mary Beth Chomko and John Chomko of Granite City. A graduate of Granite City High School, she is employed with Granite City School District 9 as a first grade teacher and high school pom-pom coach.

The groom is the son of Debbie Mattern and Tom Mattern of Granite City. Also a graduate of Granite City High School, he is employed with WKBP Q104 in St. Louis as a music director.

Jessica Chomko and Meredith Chomko, both of Granite City, sisters of the bride, were the maids of honor. The bridesmaids were Tiffany Bax; Jennifer Harris; Sherri Mattern, sister of the groom; and Elise Willard.

Jeff Wiehardt of Granite City was the best man. The groomsmen were Chris Bartling, Les Nunes, Dwayne



Thomas and Vanessa Mattern

Schroeder, Steve Sittion and Chris Wiehardt.

The flower girl was Mecalla Winfield. The ring bearers were Luke Chomko, brother of the bride, and Michael Acinelli, cousin of the groom.

The ushers were Carl Chomko of Granite City, cousin of the bride, and Tom Biewald of Granite City.

A reception was held at St. Gregory Armenian Hall. Following a honeymoon in Cancun, they reside in Maryville.

Rosenburg-Kirksey

Michelle Renee Kirksey and Jeffery Martin Rosenberg were married July 6, 1996, at St. John Evangelical United Church of Christ in Collinsville by the Rev. David C. Stabenfeldt.

The bride is the daughter of Virgil Kirksey of Granite City and Kathleen Kirksey of Collinsville.

A 1989 graduate of Collinsville High School and a graduate of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, she is employed with the Granite City School District 9 as a teacher.

The groom is the son of Gerald and Rita Rosenberg of Granite City.

A 1990 graduate of Granite City High School and a graduate of Belleville Area College, he is employed with A.C. Edwards and Sons Inc. in St. Louis.

Lea Ann Kinney of Granite City was the maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Jill Milligan; Jane Farrington; Lindie Rosenberg, sister of the groom; Anne Rosenberg, sister



Michelle and Jeffery Rosenberg

of the groom; and Amanda Kirksey, sister of the bride.

Chris Digiarlomo of Collinsville was the best man. The groomsmen were Nick Pavia; Tim Henson; David Kirksey, brother of the bride; and Mark Began.

Amye-Marie Gross, a cousin, was the flower girl. Joseph Gross, a cousin, was the ring bearer.

The ushers were Dustin Rosenberg of Granite City and Aaron Hemmighan of Godfrey. A reception was held at the Elks Lodge in Granite City.

VFW, Auxiliary open essay contest

Terry Decker, commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1300 in Granite City, has announced the start of this year's VFW and Ladies Auxiliary "Voice of Democracy Program" competition.

Local students have the opportunity to compete in the 50th annual audio essay program and win valuable scholarships and awards. But the students earn much more than that through participation, Decker said.

"Young people who participate in the competition benefit by gaining a better understanding of their country, their freedoms and their obligation to America," Decker said.

Additional benefits include increased self confidence and poise, experience in polishing their communication skills, and the opportunity for self-expression. Those that advance to become the state winner are

given the additional opportunity to expand their knowledge of our nation's capital city during a five-day tour of Washington, D.C., plus the chance to meet and befriend students from every state.

During the 50 years that the VFW and its ladies auxiliary have been involved with the Voice of Democracy Program, more than 7 million high school students have participated.

Interested students need only write and record a three-to-five-minute audio essay expressing their view on the program theme. All state winners receive at least a \$1,000 national scholarship but could win the \$20,000 first place award. A total of \$18,000 in national scholarships are awarded to student finalists.

For more information, call 452-0144 or see your school principal.

Bobby Johnson of Atlanta to hold revival

The Rev. Bobby Johnson of Atlanta, Ga., will be holding a revival beginning Friday, Sept. 13 at the Venice School auditorium.

Services will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 3 p.m. Sunday.

Birthdays

Erica Nicole Cook celebrated her ninth birthday Aug. 18. A party was held for her in the home of her parents, Denise and Bob Cook. The party was hosted by her sisters, Alexis and Tiffany Cook. The theme of the party was "Goose-bumps."

Tiffany Lynn Cook celebrated her first birthday Aug. 21. A "First Birthday" theme was used to celebrate. The party was hosted by her sisters, Erica and Alexis, in the home of her parents. A buffet dinner

was served. Those in attendance for the parties were maternal grandparents, Herb and Irene Wein; Bob and Dee Fichte; Dan, Sharon and Brett Fichte; Mary and Tony Bellue; Cheryl and Dan Folkert; Elaine and Angela Foreman; Nancy and Maryann Gray; paternal grandparents, Maryann and Rich Steck; Rosie Steck; Donnie, Tracy and Marissa Cook; Brittney James and Mary Cook.

Organizations

The Eagles Auxiliary District 7, 701st was held Aug. 15 in Jerseyville. Attending from Granite City were Susan Allen, Florence Stokes, Joanna Spencer, Martha Simpson, Theresa Hayden and Vincine Zerlan.

Jerseyville president Pam Pace welcomed all the women and had the conductor escort the honored guests to the altar, presenting each with a gift.

The guests consisted of past state president Mary Stogner of Collinsville; membership chairman, Southern Zone, Joanna Spencer of Granite City; Marilyn Oyen, Golden Eagle chairman and district president from Alton; and trustee, Southern Zone, Elaine Jagla of Shiloh.

The meeting was then turned over to Oyen, who is district president. Roll call was taken; there were 34 women in attendance — Jerseyville 11, Alton 4, Collinsville 6, Granite City 6, Shiloh 2 and Wood River 5.

Secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and approved.

Secretary Rita Cuoco read letters from Granite City and Shiloh asking for support of Joanna Spencer and Elaine Jagla in their bid for nomination to state outside guard at the June convention. The letters were approved and accepted.

Nominations of officers for the coming year were then made.

The results were as follows: junior past president, Marilyn Oyen of Alton; president, Vivian Tosi of Collinsville; vice president, Joanna Spencer of Granite City; chaplain, Doris Wallace of Jerseyville; conduc-

tor, Evelyn Jacob of Shiloh; inside guard, Martha Simpson of Granite City; outside guard, Rose Bigson of Collinsville. Trustees — Evelyn Jacob Shiloh, Emily DeWerrf of Wood River and Pam Pace of Jerseyville; secretary-treasurer, Rita Cuoco of Alton; and historian, Theresa Randazzo of Alton.

Installation will be at the Sept. 15 meeting in Shiloh.

The Golden Eagle Library Grant for last year will go to Jerseyville and the one for next year will go to Wood River.

Short talks were given by co-chairmen of membership, Joanna Spencer and southern zone trustee Elaine Jagla, past state president Mary Stogner talked about CASA organization, which deals with abused children.

It was agreed that future district meetings will be held in September, November, January, March and May.

Collinsville and Granite City tied with the most members in attendance and Collinsville received the traveling trophy for the highest percentage of members present.

The meeting was adjourned and lunch was served.

The Madison County Federation of Republican Women will hold its 24th annual Buffet Dinner and Dance Sunday, Sept. 15, at the American Legion in Edwardsville.

The buffet dinner will be served from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. Dancing will be to the music of Night Star DJ from 6-9 p.m.

Births

William Barber of Wood River and Tina Medley of Granite City have announced the birth of their first child, a son, Zachary Paul Barber, born at 3:32 p.m. Aug. 17, 1996 at St. Mary's Hospital in Clayton. Zachary weighed six pounds five ounces and was 19 inches long.

Grandparents are Sandra Medley of Granite City and the late Paul Medley, and Harold Barber of Columbia and the late Shirley Barber. Great grandmother is Janita Barber of Columbia and the late Lorie Grill.

Trinity to hold craft fair

Trinity Lutheran Church in Worden will be having a fall Craft Fair from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 12, and from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13.

Admission is free and lunch will be served by AAL. Trinity Lutheran Church is located at 215 West McGaughey, Worden.

Recreation

The Granite City Park District will begin registration for the following programs on Sept. 16:

- Youth Drill Team — 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Mondays; \$15 for residents, \$25 for non-residents.
- Slimettes — 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays; \$15 for residents, \$25 for non-residents; and
- Step Aerobics — 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays; \$20 for residents, \$30 for non-residents.

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You can be mighty convincing, especially tonight. Your financial and personal commitments thrive. Your horizons are limitless. Stay flexible. Take breaks from the routine. Your ideas are instructive and enlightening.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 12). Work on two specific projects over the next few months. These are high profile and will lead to a promotion or raise by January. Love comes via a long-distance relationship and will lead to a location change for one of you by November (especially if he or she is a Sagittarius or Capricorn). Overall, your luckiest

times are January and October.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's time to show all your cards in matters of the heart. Delve deep to uncover your true feelings. When in doubt, follow that inner voice. Exchange ideas with others. Your ideals help raise others' consciousness.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Plan appointments for early in the day to free up your evening. Insist on warranties, receipts and signatures. Share your zest for life with a partner. Your intuition is excellent regarding money matters or investments.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Alter plans to include more people. Luck is red hot, especially with betting, lotteries and chance. Work is great fun due to others' levity. Savor the diversity of those around you. A Pisces knows your secret heart.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

21). You'll meet a new mate—consider an Aries and a Leo. Friends demand that you're consistent. Speak your mind. Co-workers have much to teach you. A conversation is fascinating and could trail into the wee hours.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It's impossible to control your thoughts now, so let your imagination run wild. A close friend may change residence. Your spouse or partner finds you sensual and irresistible. Be frugal with funds. Watch for a Virgo.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The full moon brings out your wild side. Lay low and gather clues before making proposal. Children look up to you. Your generosity inspires others. Shopping proves to be fruitful. Make a major purchase.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Introspection wastes your time. A movement toward your secret desires is favored.

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New comedy recordings hard to find

By Kevin Carbery
Staff writer

As a fan of humor, I'm sorry that comedy albums are no longer coming out like they once did.

Throughout the 1970s and 1980s, there was a more-or-less steady output of comedy albums from the two guys I consider to be the kings of stand-up of the era, Richard Pryor and George Carlin. Pryor stopped making albums in the early '80s, and Carlin's last one was released several years ago.

There were many other comedians and comedies putting their material on records at that time. You could buy new Cheech and Chong albums practically every year, plus guys like Robert Klein, Albert Brooks, Steve Martin and Rodney Dangerfield kicked out funny lines on a number of albums.

In the '90s, you could get laughs from the records of Robin Williams, Steven Wright and Dennis Miller, among others. Plus, there were comedy collections, such as recordings of the "Comic Relief" benefit

performances for the homeless and of the show "Live at the Improv," which featured numerous comedians.

There also used to be many releases from groups like Monty Python's Flying Circus and the National Lampoon comedy troupe, which included Bill Murray. Some of those are hilarious recordings.

For the last several years, however, comedy albums have been trickling out. Only a few good ones have been released in this decade. I've enjoyed the albums of Denis Leary, Jeff Foxworthy, Kathleen Madigan and the late Bill Hicks, but it has been frustrating to keep going to music stores and find little or nothing new in the humor aisle.

It seems as though most comedians today, if they are any good at all, go straight from their stand-up routines to television sitcoms.

For this week's trivia, I will give you a listing of comedy albums. You name the comedian or group who came up with it. Some of the lines were originally performed in other formats, such as television shows, but were put on albums.

1. "If I'd known they'd line up just to see him, I'd taken all my money and bought me a museum."
2. "My old man, he was dumb, too. My old man, he worked in a bank, they caught him stealing pens."
3. "I was born in Peoria, Ill."
4. "Good morning, I'd like to have an argument."
5. "Mom always liked you best."

7. "Take off, it's a beauty way to go." Take a bonus point if you know the rock singer who helped the comedians with this bit.

8. "Baseball has a seventh-inning stretch. Football has a two-minute warning."

9. "That's a big night for you, coming out and tormenting me?"

10. "I love to smoke and I love to eat red means."

ANSWERS: 1. Cheech and Chong, from their self-titled album. 2. Steve Martin, from his song "King Tut," which appears on his "A Wild and Crazy Guy" album. 3. Rodney Dangerfield, from his "No Respect" album. 4. Richard Pryor, as his character Mudbone on "The Richard Pryor Show." 5. It is something I said? It was not easy for me to find a line from Pryor printable in a family newspaper. 6. Monty Python's Flying Circus, from "The Argument Clinic" sketch, which is a series of the group's albums. 7. The Smothers Brothers, from several albums. 8. Rick Moranis and Dave Thomas as their "SCTV" characters Bob and Doug McKenzie. The line is from the song "Take Off" from "The Great White North" album. The rock singer on the recording with them is Geddy Lee of Rush. 9. George Carlin, from "Carlin on Campus." 10. Bobcat Goldsmit from "Meat Bob."

11. Denis Leary, from "No Cure For Cancer."

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 WHEREAS, the City Council of Granite City, Illinois, has duly considered and approved the Ordinance establishing pedestrian crosswalks on Washington Avenue between 21st Street and Neeدهurst Avenue, as hereinafter designated, and
 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRANITE CITY, ILLINOIS, that the Ordinance establishing pedestrian crosswalks on Washington Avenue between 21st Street and Neeدهurst Avenue, as hereinafter designated, be and the same shall be a part of the laws of the City of Granite City, Illinois, and the same shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage, approval and publication as required by law.
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 PASSED BY THE Mayor of the City of Granite City, Illinois, on this 12th day of September, 1996.
 APPROVED BY THE City Council of the City of Granite City, Illinois, on this 12th day of September, 1996.
 Attest: J. Judy Whitaker
 City Clerk

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 TO: Joseph G. Marzola, Karen Ballard, Dennis Ferguson, and unknown owners or parties interested. A Petition for Tax Deed on premises described below has been filed in the Circuit Court of Madison County, Illinois, as case 96-TX-69. The real estate is described as: ADD TO MADISON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS CASE 96-TX-69, BLOCK 2, LOT 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 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